

Tell me

your kind note of Jan 13, 18. ii, 40,

reached me late last night;
I posted a longish letter by you,
Care of Mrs Coyce, did not know
your address, the letter you
will find almost an answer
(and more) to your letter;

Many thanks for your
true & heart-felt sympathy
and that of your beloved wife

Try to make the best of it
a few who come here (promising
young Scandinavians) hear & learn
the Truth, is uplifting, and
the hope of His Coming, Mrs Spier^{1st}
told me "Thou art coming my Saviour"
Sincerely M. S. Allen:

دکتر

Nom et adresse de l'expéditeur.

(Indication facultative.)

Dr. Sa'eed, K. urdistani

Korchoi Bidi an Pehlevi

Tehran.

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A. H. Spear;
Rockledge,
Lakeville

Connecticut.
U. S. A.



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Koochai Bidi
Avenue Pahlavi
Tehran;
17. ii. 1940.

Very dear Dr. Speer;

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It is a long time since I heard from you, I trust it is all well with you and the beloved Mrs. Speer;

Probably you have heard of the home call of my beloved Rebecca the companion of 57 years & the wife of 52; through the notice in the local papers as to the service and funeral hundreds gathered from all languages & creeds from v. ministers down to the poor; all spoke well of her in fact say one that I knew her spoke well of her and I received many telegrams & letters from muslibaheds small as both

To you

Shi'ites & Sunnis, some families
from Kurdistan were here during
her long illness & sufferings & could
not understand the care love & atten-
tion of a broken heart, I used to point
them to Ephes 5th & read it to them
and the Persian acknowledgements
& words of sympathy has been
scattered far & wide, which tells
of the virtues of a good woman
and how she trusted in the Blood
that cleanses from all sins, so
both the funeral service & the notes
have been a good testimony to
diverse nationalities & creeds

I feel tomorrow, it has been
the bitterest cup in my life & you know

I had had many, but all sweetened
by the tree - the Cross, -; so even
Marah is turned into the occa-
sion of praise to His name;

I had the pleasure of meeting
Dr Dodd & his companions
twice, they reminded me of
your two never-to-be-forgotten
visits,

With best wishes and true
affection my dear friend Professor
Cushing and we the both both
"A Bibliography of the writings of Harvey Cushing"
which was presented to him - by his friend
on his 70th birthday, and soon
he passed away a great giant
in a unique field of Science

the surgery of the brain.
His photo & that of Sir W. Diller's
with their autographs I have
in my room. Sir Wm gave his
time with his own hand when I
was at Oxford in 1914 & pushing
out his from America;

With warmest regards to
yourself & Mrs Spurr.

Yours in the love of our
blessed & coming Lord

M. S. Reed

سارا خانم عیال مرحوم اکرم السلطنه خواهر فقیده
و بنده د کتر سعید کردستانی و دخترش سارا و پسرش سعید
مهندس از همگی بانوان گرام و آقایان محترم که شخصاً زحمت کشیده اند
و آنانی که از دور با تلگرام و نامه ها در این فقدان جان کاه اظهار رقت
و همدردی فرموده اند نهایت تشکر حاصل و بعرض امتنان زحمت میدهد

بیادگاری و تذکار ربقه خانم محبوب القلوب همسر عزیز

دکتر سعید کردستانی

که در کوک تپه ارومی (رضائیه) در سال ۱۲۳۸ شمسی متولد و در سال ۱۲۶۶ در همدان منکوحه شده پس از گذرانیدن يك زندگانی سودمند و نيك نامی که دارای وقایع برجسته بود در تهران روز شنبه ۲۶ آبان ماه ۱۳۱۸ در گذشت امیدواریش برای نجات بخون و فدیة و مرگ و قیام مسیح بود که «خونش مارا از هر گناه پاك میسازد» رساله اول بوخنا ۱ : ۷

مسیح فرمود

«من قیامت و حیات هستم هر که بمن ایمان آورد اگر مرده باشد زنده گردد»
انجیل بوخنا ۱۱ : ۲۵

«زن صالحه را کیست پیدا تواند کرد قیمت او از لعلها گران تر است دل شوهرش بر او اعتماد دارد. کفهای خود را بفقیران مبسوط و دستهای خویش را بر مسکینان دراز میکند دختران بسیارند که اعمال صالحه نمودند اما تو بر جمیع ایشان برتری داشتی جمال فریبنده و زیبائی باطل است اما زنی که از خداوند میترسد ممدوح خواهد شد»

کتاب امثال سلیمان ۳۱

ربقه خانم مرحومه مصداق شئونات این فصل بود

In proud and loving memory of

REBEKAH

beloved wife of Dr. M. Saeed

Born 1858, Geogtapeh, Rezaiyeh (Urmia)

Married 1888, at Hamadan

Passed away at Teheran Saturday November 18th 1939

Interred at Akbarabad Cemetery November 20th

after an eventful and heroic life

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea
she reacheth forth her hands to the needy" Prov.31:20

"Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou
excellest them all" Prov. 31:29

She trusted in I John:1,7, "the blood of
Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin"

With sincere thanks from Dr. M. Saeed and family
for kind sympathy in their sorrow.

Koocheh Beedi and Nezami

Kh. Pahlevi. TEHERAN, IRAN.

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T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY

August 9.

Dear Robbie, --

Three quarters of the way to the century!
Keep going strong. Roll your 'iss, as Jim Robinson
used to say. May your tank always have plenty
of gas.

Louise got a letter from Randolph Browne


by a Gibraltar passage. We hope you heard
from Margaret & that they may both be on the
next boatload.

All goes well here, but it is sad to see the
Bulkeley home dismantled. The men have been
working on it for some time.

Beth & I both send love to you & Emma.

Affectionately
Thomas

T. H. P. SAILER
219 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD
NEW JERSEY


Silver Bay, Sunday.

Dear Robie, - I meant to see you off yesterday, but found you had left the breakfast table early & gotten away. I do appreciate greatly your willingness to come up & speak for us, & from our end I feel that it was well worth while. You made a notable contribution to the conference. We have some problems to iron out, but I believe we have a growing concern which is worth nursing. You have done us a good turn.

Affectionately
Thomas.

MY WORK

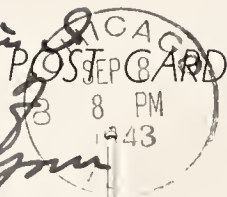
"Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place, or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray
 'This is my work; my blessing, not my doom:
Of all who live I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in my own way.'
Then shall I see it, not too great nor small
 To suit my spirit and arouse my powers;
 Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours,
And cheerfully turn, when the long shadows fall
 At eventide to play and love and rest,
 Because I know for me my work is best."

—Henry van Dyke.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Sampier? Robert L.

Again I
have the privilege of
greeting you on your
Birthday. Your many
friends thank God for
His marvellous grace
toward you in continuing
you in health and service.
May the year ahead bring
a new and full measure
of blessing. Godblessly -
Robert L. Sampier.



BUY
WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS



Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Conn.

“My Times Are In Thy Hand”

Ps. 31:15



Father, I know that all my life
Is portioned out for me;
And the changes that are sure to come,
I do not fear to see;
But I ask Thee for a present mind
Intent on pleasing Thee.

I would not have the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know;
I would be dealt with as a child,
And guided where to go.

I ask Thee for the daily strength,
To none that ask denied;
And a mind to blend with outward life,
While keeping at Thy side;
Content to fill a little space,
If Thou be glorified.

—Anna L. Waring

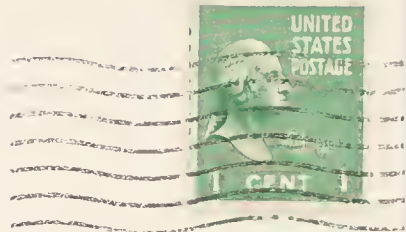
Chicago, Ills. (Sawyer?) K L
My dear Dr. Spear: -

We thank God that you have been spared to celebrate another birthday and we commend you to His care for the days ahead. We send our sincere greetings and good wishes to you on this special occasion and trust that peace and health attend you. - Cordially - Mrs. & Mrs. P. G. Davison

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Dr. Robert E. Spear,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Sayles, John M.

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NEW YORK
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ALBANY

October 7, 1940

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Kerschmer

Dr Robert E. Speer,

Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Dr Speer:

Possibly you are aware of the fact that Dr Eugene Carson Blake has resigned as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Dr. Blake was called to this church five years ago, to succeed Dr Hopkins, and he has now accepted a call to go to Pasadena, California.

This, of course, brings up the problem of obtaining some one to serve as minister of the Church, and I should like to inquire whether you have any possible suggestions to make.

The Church, as you know, is old in history but young in spirit, with a membership of twelve hundred or more. It has no particular problem in regard to the poor; it has normally been able to raise its proper budget; it has no large church debt as such and its financial arrangements are in a satisfactory position. The Church is well located, on the corner of State and Willett Streets.

The Committee believes that the Church requires a young man, preferably below forty years of age, one who would be willing to serve as minister of the Church with the entire responsibilities of the Church upon his shoulders. What the exact salary would be I am not able to state, as it is possible that some of the present paid persons could be set up as to permit a change in the minister's salary over a series of years, but for the time being the Church feels that it would like to obtain a minister at a salary not in excess of \$5,400.

A committee of fifteen has been formed to help work out the problem. This Committee has made me Chairman, and would therefore appreciate it, if you have any suggestions which you thought might apply, if you made them directly to me.

Whatever you can do to direct us to the proper person for this position would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


John M. Sayles,
Chairman

Schell Wm P.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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HOME BASE DEPARTMENT
WILLIAM P. SCHELL
MISS GERTRUDE SCHULTZ
CHARLES T. LEBER
SECRETARIES

May 5, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

For a long time I have been meaning to write to you but I never seem to be able to get around to it.

You have probably heard that we closed the fiscal year with an increase of \$33,000 for our regular budget, with an increase of \$44,000 for special appropriations and with an increase of \$58,000 for annuities, doubling the amount the Board received a year ago. Added to these gratifying increases, we shall also receive \$110,000 from the War-Time Service Fund. We closed the year with all bills paid and with no new deficit, but the Board has approved a new budget which will call for an increase of from \$50,000 to \$70,000 for the coming year.

The enclosed letter which is going from the Board to the pastors of the Eastern and Pacific Areas will explain a change in my own work to take effect September 1st next. This is at my own suggestion. As I shall be with the Board nearly thirty years in June and have only five more years to go, I have been asking myself in which direction can I render the largest service during the next five years. Some months ago I came to the conclusion that the direction of the promotional work in the East should have the service of a younger man than myself and that conversely as the supervising Secretary of the Division of Special Gifts and Annuities, I can perhaps render a more effective service in cooperating with the directors of that Division in the approach to churches and individual donors and also myself be responsible for approaches to charitable foundations and to promote sustained efforts toward securing more legacies and large gifts. The Board agreed with me and I will thus continue as an Executive Secretary of the Home Base Department engaged as heretofore in public speaking and general promotional work, but devoting the major part of my time to cooperating with the Division of Special Gifts and Annuities.

A number of us have been hoping that in the midst of your travels hither and yon we might be able to call upon you for an

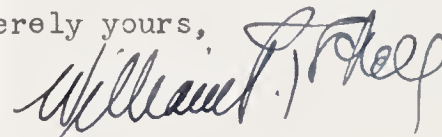
occasional address. For example, in conferences with laymen and I would like to talk this matter over with you some time when you are in New York.

We were delighted to see Dr. McAfee the other day. He spent a half hour in my office and the next day he and Mrs. McAfee turned up at the meeting of the Executive Council just to greet us all. He looks very well and younger than ever.

I have read with interest and complete approval, your article on gambling in the latest issue of the "Social Progress". I was delighted to see Governor Dewey veto the bingo bill which the New York State Legislature was silly enough to pass. We are living in a great day.

Hoping everything is going well with you and Mrs. Speer and with our best wishes as always,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William T. Speer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Very sincerely yours,".

WPS:BK

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

May 1, 1943

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE EASTERN AREA:

Dr. William P. Schell, who for thirty years has rendered statesmanlike service as a Home Base Secretary, with special responsibilities for the Eastern Area church relationships, has been freed from this task in order that, as a Home Base Secretary, he may devote special attention to supervision of the Division of Special Gifts and Annuities of the Board, to participating in public speaking and to other important related assignments.

Dr. William N. Wysham, for eighteen years a missionary in Iran and for the last four years the Western Area Secretary, working out of the San Francisco office of the Board, will be transferred to New York to become the Eastern Area Secretary.

This staff adjustment takes place as of September 1, 1943.

The Board desires to express its sincere appreciation for the untiring and productive services of these two leaders in the world mission of the church and bespeaks for them the continuing confidence and cooperation of the churches in this day which holds such crucial opportunity for the Cause of Christ.

The Board of Foreign Missions

Schuler, Harry

American Mission,
Teheran, Iran,
November 13, 1940.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

"Every cloud has a silver lining". I am in bed with sciatica which furnishes me the opportunity of doing some correspondence that I have long wanted to do. I don't remember when I last wrote you, and my files are not accessible at the moment that I might refer to your last letter to me.

At the time of the visit of the deputation last year I was constantly reminded of your visit with Mr. Carter and Mr. Wells. What changes there have been! And even in the last few months there have been radical changes, as you of course know. With the departure of the educationalists and the transfer of our schools to the government, the Station, personnel and work, is much reduced. When the decision was made for the closing of our educational work, the first verse of Scripture that came to my mind was "Strengthen the things that remain." Church, evangelistic work, medical, and literary. We may also add Community School for with nineteen different races represented in the student body of this school. ~~The~~ The school well conforms to the motives and principles of our work.

The Church is surely being strengthened. We wish it were more so. As I look back to the time when the plans for "The Evangelical Church of Iran" were being formed, it seems quite plain that God led in the making of those plans. I am constantly noting how well those plans are suited to the situation in Iran. We still hope that some time there will be complete union of the two churches - North and South. Apparently we have done all that we could in this connection. It is now, I think, well recognized that the next step must be the independence of the church of the south. That may come sooner than we think. I suppose no one knows at present when the Lambeth Conference ~~was~~ scheduled for 1940 will be held.

The Teheran Church have called a pastor - Mr. Bulbulian, a Turkish Armenian, graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and Moody Bible Institute. He arrived in Teheran Christmas day, 1939, to do work for Armenians. He is a very spiritual man and his wife is of the same type. He is to be inducted into the pastoral office January 1st, 1941. The plan is that he shall be ordained at the next meeting of the Eastern Anjoman (Presbytery). The Church should have two pastors. Not only the volume of the work, but the difference of languages required. There are two men now in Teheran who many of us believe might be the "Persian" pastor (I use the word Persian with a language significance. The change to Iran did not affect the Persian language).

I was in Mazanderan recently. Have made two itinerations in that province during the year. One in March and one in August and September. Most of the time I was in the city of Babol, the former Barferoush. Miss Doolittle and two Iranian women have also been twice in Babol. With the new extension of evangelistic work which we are hoping for, ~~We~~ We trust a permanent work in Mazanderan will be a part of that extension. How long some of us have had this hope!

In the last few years we have lost four doctors by death and retirement and have received but one. So here is one of our most difficult problems.

Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Miss McComb and Miss Johnson arrived last week having been three months en route. They were delayed three weeks in Manila. Miss Johnson has already left for Tabriz, and Miss McComb plans to leave in the immediate future for Meshed to take the place temporarily of Miss Reynolds. The latter is now in Teheran planning to leave with the McDowells on furlough about November 24th. We understand that the Boyces, Dr. Frame, and Dr. Miller are now somewhere on the Pacific.

The Madras Conference practically settled for us the question so long under consideration as to the general principles of relation between Church and Mission. At least it was one of the influences that led the Mission to adopt the plan of "Gradual Integration of the Mission into the Church" rather than ~~the~~ "Parallelism".

You will be glad to know that John is much improved. From the beginning the doctors predicted a cure of his Coeliac at about the age of fourteen or fifteen. He is now twelve. It has been a long and desperate struggle, but we think we see the end and a happy one. It is a joy to see him now eating so many things that for years were absolutely prohibited. Sugar, including sweet fruits and other sweet foods, is now the only seriously dangerous article.

I hope this letter will reach you in time to convey to Mrs. Speer and yourself Christmas and New Year greetings from Lillian and myself.

Most sincerely yours,

Harry Schuler

HCS/VBB

(8th Anniv. of Translation of ^{Scott, Charles E.} our Betty
and John)

CHARLES ERNEST SCOTT

8. Dec. 1942

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

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SHANTUNG PROVINCE, NORTH CHINA

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126 Argyle Road,
Argyle Court C3,
Ardmore, Pa.

Dear Dr S peer: -

It may surprise you to know, that daily I pray for you, for your health, and for your safety of person in this unsafe auto world, and for your ever increasing satisfaction in our Blessed Lord, and for your ever widening usefulness for Him. So that I trust that you are abundantly experiencing His grace and guidance. This thought is a keen spiritual joy to me.

Sorry for the Jap. induced exigency in which your daughter Margaret finds herself. We shall regularly join you in prayer about her health & safety & joy in the Lord
Ps 62:8. A great comfort - the verse

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things
he possesseth. One gift of the Holy Spirit - to look detachedly
at things.

we sent out to friends in China, before
we knew of the translation of Betty
& John).

"Laddie" our older son, in Hunan,
was ^{this summer} miraculously restored from
typhoid, when our Miss. Dr & nurses
said he was past their help.
Now has some scab: He is down
with T. B.

Our younger son, Dr Kenneth,
who was supposed to stay in La
Zou 6 was in 11th Armored
Division, has been suddenly
snatched away by Wash. orders, &
has disappeared into the vast
void of a war area.

The War. Dept has drawn
heavily on the doctor sons of our
Far. & int. missionaries.

No more news of Dr Ed. Stevenson
since that smuggled out letter of
12th April.

Andy Torrance of Joint Mission Station,
reports that "so-called Jap. parties"
have seized all our Station residences,
(as well as schools, hosp., etc) &
seized all our personal goods -
that includes my 10, 000 + vol. refer
library. They also looted us in 1st World War
when we were located at Tsingtao.
Mrs Scott joins in kind regards
from friend, Charles E. Scott

Scott, Charles E.

21 July '43

Dear Dr Speer - serious illness
of my daughter Helen (Mrs Gordon Maly)
& major operation in Presby. Hosp.
Phila. has kept me from Princeton
Theolog. Institute.

Enclosed typed notes (from a
British Army Capt friend) has some
thing about your daughter Margaret

Weihsien, the Concentration Camp,
in, as you know, the Station of our
Helen & Gordon. Yours, Char & Scott

Plal 1:16.

○ fear that Dr Hayes, like the venerable Polycarp,
will ultimately be martyred. The Japs,
following their regular technique, have,
step by step, taken over N. China & Hoog.
5 summary, until now all semblance of a
school & there is used, & the plant
taken over for a barracks.

Scott, George T.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Feb. 7, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

A little kink has arisen in regard to the Cushmans' gift of \$ 10,000. to the Centennial. Vera's letter of May 24, 1937 closed with the following paragraph:

"While it is not our wish to condition the gift it would be gratifying to us if part of it could go to the fund of Forman Christian College where we had the honor of representing the Board at the 50th Jubilee of the College in Lahore December last."

On Nov. 20, 1939, Mr. H. A. Whitlock writes from Lahore to Mr. Moore as follows:

"When I was at General Assembly 1937 at Columbus, Ohio, Dr. R. E. Speer at the Foreign Missions dinner said that a Dr. Cushman (or Cushing) having visited India and also the Forman Christian College Jubilee (1936) had made a gift of \$ 10,000. to the Board and that \$ 5,000. of it was for Forman Christian College.

"The matter passed out of mind on my return to India. No one here seems to have heard anything about it or knows anything about it. I as Bursar of the College have no record of it nor any letter pertaining to it.

"Will you kindly check up and let me know whether I am right in this matter. Perhaps some other decision took precedence of this, or the intention was changed. Dr. Cushman is a relative perhaps brother-in-law of Dr. Geo. Scott. The matter will no doubt be easy to trace."

None of the Cushman money was assigned to Forman College. Possibly none of it was assigned because Forman was being so generously dealt with in the proceeds from the Naulaka compound. There seems to be no memorandum here regarding this, but you may recall.

Did you have any personal intimation from Vera other than that contained in her letter? The reference in the letter need not be taken too seriously and I think that Vera should not be disturbed with this question now.

The Centennial funds have all been distributed; in fact I think there is a little over-expended in one of the groups. There is, I understand, some interest on a Class I endowment which interest, it seems, had not been counted upon when figuring the gradually amortized support of the new Centennial missionaries. However, this will be available for urgently needed regular work and ought not be transferred to Forman without a very urgent cause.

Please share with me both your memory and your judgment in the matter. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
George T. Scott
George T. Scott

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Scott, George T.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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156 FIFTH AVENUE
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October 23, 1940

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dear Dr. Speer:

One who has assisted in carrying forward the great tradition that you and others developed in the Board's administration is for health reasons soon to follow you out from it. My resignation was accepted on Monday, effective February next. The enclosed copy of my letter of withdrawal, which was reported to Council last week, states the situation briefly.

The service rightly expected of a senior executive in these offices is more strenuous than I can long continue to carry. The exigency of recent years led me consciously to draw heavily on health reserves; some drafts now come back stamped "Insufficient Funds," and the need for them is no longer pressing. However, the severance of close ties of nearly twenty-eight years will be difficult for me. After a vacation starting in February, I plan to look around for some work, not too strenuous and probably voluntary.

You will be glad to know that in Washington Friday three different offices assured us that the Press and Radio had overplayed the "suggestion" for the partial evacuation of missionaries from Eastern Asia; it is solely precautionary and chiefly for ineffectives at this time; "important work must go on." The government wishes to be assured of adequate transportation later, if occasion should demand further or full withdrawal (neither of which is expected). Presbyterian Missions rate very high, which is confidential!

With warmest regards, as ever,

Your sincere friend,

George Scott

George T. Scott

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October 16, 1940.

The Rev. Paul C. Johnston, D.D.,
President,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Johnston:

For a number of years my health has not been as vigorous as formerly but I have continued in the service of the Board in order to help during a period of radical readjustment with many new executive officers. I have felt particular responsibility to the Foreign Department which lost all four administrative secretaries in quick succession.

The burden of work has been heavier than considerations of health justified; it is inadvisable for me to continue much longer. The transition period in the Foreign offices is largely past. Dr. Dodds and Dr. Ruland have made thorough visits to all their Missions, and Dr. Anderson will soon have completed his first hand study of his new fields; presumably all foreign secretaries will be steadily in New York for some time to come. My duties for the Foreign Department can be ably assumed by the other secretaries; the chairmanship of Executive Council is already in the competent care of Dr. Schell. These and other facts will enable me to depart with a clear conscience.

A fortnight ago I discussed my intention of early withdrawal with the foreign secretaries and a few days ago I reported it to Dr. John Mackay as Chairman of the Board's Foreign Department Committee. I am now writing to you as President to present my resignation from official relationship with the Board. I hope that it may become effective not later than my sixtieth birthday in February 1941. Within that period I could fulfil my responsibility in connection with some important Board matters now in process.

This withdrawal is simply the culmination of my plan of recent years of which my colleagues have been aware, viz. rendering a special sort of service during an exceptional transitional period in the Board's executive staff. Although I have long contemplated this final step, it is not an easy one for me to take. I love the work and my associates.

With abiding gratitude and loyalty to the Board, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) George T. Scott

Copies to
Chairman of the Foreign Department
Chairman of Executive Council
Recording Secretary

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Scott, George
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Hampton House
28 EAST 70TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY
BUTTERFIELD 8-2700

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2/24/43

Dear Mr. Speer:

The Foreign Mission Conference is busy on the Indemnity question. State Department expects preliminary reports of losses looking to definitives, later claims.

In making the historical study for F.M.C., I found the enclosed letter in I.M.C. files. It is excellent & contains much material greatly needed today by the Board. This letter was laid before the Indemnity Committee at its initial meeting yesterday. Dr. Decker moved "that Dr. Speer be urgently requested" to revise the statement for use among all Boards or to draft such similar statement as you may wish. The action was immediate & unanimous; and I was detailed to write you, altho I said that the Chairman, the Secty or Decker was more logical. (I have research & counsel, not correspondence!)

If you don't feel like writing a new statement,
this one would need very little touching up for 1943,
starting on Page 2, Sec. 3. Your presentation will be
extremely helpful; the basic & primary issue for
the Board is, I believe, the Christian ethic.

I suggest that you reply to Dr. Emory Ross,
secretary of the Committee. Mr. Steele will see that any
manuscript is copied by some old acquaintance!

Mr. Bulkeley writes that you have had a fine trip
in Oklahoma. - Vera & Jim are at Harder Hall, Seeburg, Pa.

Warmest wishes to you, Mrs. Spier & the household
from Ruth & me,

Devotedly
George Scott

A Christmas Card Suggestion



This attractive painting by a Chinese artist, has been printed in colors as a Christmas card, by the Church Committee for China Relief.

Income from sales goes to relief work in China. Proceeds from a packet of twelve, costing \$1.00, will provide food and shelter for a child for a month. Why not make a gift to China in this way?

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OFFICE OF THE FINANCE OFFICER

FORT DIX, N. J.

IN REPLY REFER

TO FILE NO. _____

SUBJECT: Your Recommendation.

December 18, 1941.

To: Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

How can I ever thank you for the wonderful recommendation you sent me last week! Never in my life have I received such a tribute, and I shall do my best to justify your high regard.

Please forgive the speed with which I asked for your letter. My application had to be presented Monday, December 15th., along with all supporting papers. On Tuesday, a Board of Officers interviewed the applicants, and today the selections were made and sent in to Corps Area Headquarters at Governor's Island, New York, for final approval. The successful applicants will be notified within a few weeks, and the Schools will open in January. Three Months after that time, the candidates will be graduated as Second Lieutenants in the Army.

I am applying for the Quartermaster School, in Philadelphia, and I have been advised by Officers in this Branch that my qualifications are more than satisfactory. It has also been suggested that I apply for the Intelligence Service, and I have taken the liberty of using your name as a reference. Apparently, this Service draws its personnel, both Officer and Enlisted, from the other branches of the Army, so my possible future training at the Quartermaster School will not interfere with a later appointment in the Intelligence.

Thank you again for your continued interest and help. Please give my very best regards to Mrs. Speer. May this Christmas bring you both peace and joy.

Very Cordially Yours,
Peter L. Scott.

P.S.-

I am enclosing stamps in the amount of those you sent me; please accept them as a token of my appreciation.

P.L.S.

Scott, Peter L.

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OFFICE OF THE FINANCE OFFICER
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IN REPLY REFER
TO FILE NO. 121.

April 24, 1942.

SUBJECT : Officers' Training School.
TO : Dr. Robert E. Speer.
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer;-

Several months ago you very kindly wrote me a letter of recommendation for the Officers' Training School. I submitted this letter, along with my application, and then went before a Board Of Officers for a personal interview. Finally, after further examination by higher authorities, at Headquarters, Governors Island (including the F.B.I., among others) I was notified last week of my acceptance, and was ordered to report to the Finance School on June 1st.

I certainly appreciate your kindness and help in this matter, and hope that some day I may be of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to call on me at any time.

Give my very best regards to Mrs. Speer, Bill and his wife. May you both enjoy a pleasant summer.

Peter.
PETER L. SCOTT
Tech. 3rd. Grade, FD.

Scoville, Katharine T.

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has

415 LANCASTER AVENUE
HAVERFORD
PENNSYLVANIA

Nov. 6, 1942.

Wm/

Dear Rob and Emma,

I have just returned from a visit with Gordon and his family, and I thought you might be interested in the enclosed program. It was a beautiful service, and the congregation is a very friendly one. I felt that my father was one of the "unseen witnesses" at Gordon's side,

and he would be so
happy to know that
Gurdon is now an or-
dained minister.

One of the ministers at
the services, quoted you,
Rob, and told of one of
your illustrations. I was
so proud to know you,
as I always am.

With love to you both,
ever affectionately,
Katharine J. Scoville.

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C. ALISON SCULLY
1510 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

August 30, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing to tell you how much I appreciated the opportunity to see you yesterday and to hear you again. It has been many years since I have had the privilege of hearing you preach, and, if I may say so, I find that your spirituality and eloquence are as moving and as fine as they have always been. I hope that there will not be so long an interval before I hear you again.

I have written to my Aunt Anne, and I know she will be as interested to hear of you as I was to see you again yesterday.

Cordially yours,

C. Alison Scully

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Scully, C.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Aug 31. 43

My dear Mr. Scully,

It was a great pleasure to get
your kind note as it was to see you on
Sunday. My memories of your grandfather
and of your uncles and aunts and
mother are very clear - especially of Walter
who was a most gentle and lovable boy.
And I have followed you with great
interest, and rather hoped we might have
had you on the Board of Foreign Missions

instead of the Board of Christian Education.

Only a few of the starting day people
of my husband are left today and those few
will not be there much longer.

Yours very cordially

Robert Speer.

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Selecman, Charles C.



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February 12, 1943

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Doctor Robert E. Speer
Doctor W. B. Selah
St. Luke's Methodist Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Doctor Speer:

It grieves me greatly that my official duties make it necessary for me to leave the city on Saturday, February 13, and that I cannot return in time to hear your address next Monday evening.

You have been a great inspiration to me by your books, your lectures, and your consecrated life, and it will be my privilege to mention in prayer your presence in our state and to ask God to make you a blessing to the leadership of all of our churches.

Yours fraternally,



Charles C. Selecman

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March 10, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
% Presbyterian Offices
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the suggestion of Ross M. Haverfield, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Monangahela, Pa., I ~~was~~ placing a matter before you for which you may have an immediate suggestion. (Without Mr. Haverfield's suggestion I doubt I should have had the temerity to bother you.)

The receipt of many contributions from people in Florida, to be used in equipping a chapel to be built in the prison, necessitates the issuing of a card like the one inclosed. After the chapel is built, donors will constitute a sort of continuing committee to encourage rehabilitation of released prisoners. The question is, what could we call the "society" or "club" comprising the donors? That is, what name would carry with it the intrinsic purpose of the "society" in aiding the rehabilitation of men. Mr. Chapman, our Warden, thinks something better than "Society for Social Service"; "Friends of the Forgotten", could be conceived as a name. He thinks that something embodying the content of "I was in prison and ye came unto me", ought to suggest itself in the form of a catchy but dignified phrase.

Another matter which Mr. Haverfield thought you would express an opinion on is that of naming the Chapel. I feel that the ecumenical ideal, and term, might well be included in the full name of the Church (we already have a significant ecumenical fellowship in the present chapel activities.) Furthermore, the fact that Our Lord was himself arrested and tried and sentenced to die (though in unique circumstances) ought to be carefully embodied in conceiving the place that Church should occupy in prisoners' minds. Mr. Haverfield had doubts about the value of (ALL SOULS' ECUMENICAL) CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE PRISONER. But it does seem that to waste the opportunity to link 'esus' passion with the plight of every prisoner, in naming the Chapel, is an unnecessary loss. (Incidentally, our present chapel fellowship is known among many of the prisoners-especially some Episcopalians-as ALL SOULS' CHAPEL.)

Does anything occur to you that might help to guide us in these quests? I am partly justified in attacking you at this long range by the fact that the Publishing Boards of both the U.S.A. and the U.S. Presbyterian Churches, and now the Central Distributing Office in New York, are furnishing materials for us in our developing work in religious education. So that we have lots of Presbyterian backing in this under-worked field, although there are only forty-odd prisoners of Presbyterian membership and preference.

At the cost to you of adding length to this too-lengthy letter, I cannot close without the satisfaction of saying that I was a student listener at

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Stetson University, No. Land, Fla., when you spoke on the Florida series in early 1932 or '33.

Your contribution of ideas to us may be of future help to other prisons; so I shall be grateful if you are able to answer.

With appreciation, I am,

Respectfully yours,


Leslie A. Shepherd, Chaplain.

Shipler, Guy E.

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425 Fourth Avenue, New York City

June 12, 1941.

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

My friend, the Rev. William C. Kernan, Chairman of the Refugee Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, has a plan outlined in the enclosed statement which appeals to me strongly.

He would like very much, as I would, to have you as one of a few sponsors for the undertaking.

I believe that there is a definite need for defining our principles of Democracy, and in this work the service that Mr. Kernan proposes could be of great value to Church leaders.

I ought to add that Mr. Kernan has been broadcasting every week for the past three years, with excellent results. There will be no costs involved.

I am appending a list of those who are receiving this letter. I hope sincerely that you will be able to respond favorably.

Very cordially yours,

Guy Emery Shipler

GUY EMERY SHIPLER.

May 26, 1941

Memorandum to: Dr. Guy Emery Shipler

From: Rev. Wm. C. Kernan

I believe that America, and particularly the Church, has everything to lose by a successful assault upon Democracy by Totalitarianism. My experience during the last three years with the American public, indicates to me that there is a need for clarification of the issues that confront us. We need to know what Democracy is; its principles; how it works in practice; what its benefits are; why we must appreciate it. We need also to know the danger that Democracy faces, and what calamity awaits us if we do not successfully defend our way of life.

It is clear to me that the Church - which is responsible for this society whose principles stem from the Christian religion - ought to do something that is constructive and continuous to educate people for the purposes mentioned above.

Therefore, I propose two things which I can be helpful in accomplishing:

First, to write a weekly article of some five hundred words. This article will deal with the general subject, Christianity and Democracy. It will concern itself each week with different phases of the responsibilities and obligations as well as the rights and privileges of citizens as part of the American Way. I propose to send this weekly article to every Protestant publication whose editors may use it if they see fit. Enough of them would use it each week to make the effort effective. There will be no charge for this service.

Second, to procure competent radio speakers from various sections of the country to conduct a weekly fifteen-minute radio program on the general subject, "Christianity and Democracy". I will be ready to supply the material for these programs which the speakers may use or not as they see fit. I should also aid in setting up the programs, procuring the time, and making such other arrangements as are necessary. There will be no charge for this service.

What I need is:

First, between five and ten representative religious leaders to endorse this project. The most important need is to have the proper sponsoring board for these projects, so that the newspapers particularly will be readier to accept the services offered. The Christian leaders invited to join with us in these undertakings should know that they will receive copies of the articles each week, we will consult with them on questions of basic policy, and if they are so inclined, we will invite them from time to time to write guest editorials.

Second, the names of Protestant men, clergymen or laymen, who would be competent and willing to do the broadcasting in their respective communities. Obviously, they should be men who are well recognized in their own localities. If we have the recommendation of such names, I can try to arrange the other details.

WCK:NC

The Rev. Henry P. Van Dusen, D.D.
New York City

The Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, D.D.
New York City

The Rev. Sherwood Eady, D.D.
New York City.

The Rev. Robert E. Spear, D.D.
New York City

The Very Rev. W. P. Ladd, D.D.
New Haven, Conn.

The Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, D.D.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Rt. Rev. Francis J. McConnell, D.D.
New York City

The Rev. J. Harry Cotton, D.D.
Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Ernest Graham Guthrie, D.D.
Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Dillworth Lupton
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Rt. Rev. G. Bromley Oxnam, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

This letter is also being sent to the
following:

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New York City

The Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, D.D.
New York City.

The Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, D.D.
New York City.

The Rev. Walter Van Kirk, D.D.
New York City.

The Rev. Roswell Barnes, D.D.
New York City

The Rev. Albert W. Bevan, D.D.
Rochester, N. Y.

The Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Jr.
D.D.
Cleveland, Ohio.

The Rev. Ernest Fremont Tittle,
D.D.
Evanston, Ill.

The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parsons,
D.D.
San Francisco, Calif.

The Rev. William L. Young, D.D.
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The Rt. Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, D.D.
St. Louis, Mo.

Shoffstall, Capt. Elvin H.

HEADQUARTERS ARMORED FORCE SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

Fort Knox, Ky.

Tuesday
(A.M.)

May 5th, '42.

My dear friend D^r Speer -

Was very happy to meet you at Bowling Green, Kentucky, - but weeks and months have elapsed since that date.

Have been very, very busy here at Fort Knox. As Senior Chaplain of the Armored Force School - it is my duty to coordinate all the religious activities, - in addition to being responsible for the Third Student Regiment Training Group (1700 men), the Student Officers Group (584 Officers), - and the Officers Candidate School (54 Officers and 2500 men).

Last month had 2300 men attending my nine (9) Bible Study Groups. The Fox Movie-tone and Pathe News - have taken

moving pictures of same - with the result I have received 139 letters from all parts of the United States, Texas to Portland Oregon and from Maine to Florida.

Also have some splendid Forum Discussion Groups, Sing Songs, Quiz's, etc.

As promised - I am sending you samples of some of the material used in my Study Groups - also Rostrums of a few of my Study Groups.

Note carefully - the Study Group comprised of the 20th & 21st Co's, has an enrollment of almost six hundred men. Something to be proud of in - the Army. Have been commended by the General for this work.

You are doing a wonderful work which cannot be excelled. May God continue to bless you and yours.

Your sincere & true friend,

Chaplain Elvin H. Hoffstall
Capt. Ch. - U.S.A.

Third Student Regiment
Armored Force School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Shrigley, G.A. Cleveland

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La Keville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer -

I am compiling a book of prayers for world peace, which will soon be published. Among those who have sent in original prayers for the book are Harry S. Coffin, Wm. H. Foulkes, Morgan P. Noyes, Ernest F. Jitta, Edwin M. Poter, Daniel Poling, Richard Roberts, Harry E. Fosdick, G.B. Oxnam, Ralph S. Cushman, Adna W. Leonard, R.W. Barstow, Sidney Lovett, Henry S. Tucker, Cosmo G. Lang, Charles Fiske, Mary E. Woolley, Hilda L. Dors, Georgia Hartness, Vida Scudder, and many others.

Will you be kind enough to send me a general prayer for world peace of your own composition, with permission to include it in this forthcoming book? The prayer may be of any length. Profits from the sale of the book will be devoted to this League's mission of encouraging the practice of daily prayer for righteousness and peace among all people.

Faithfully yours,
G.A. Cleveland Shrigley

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The Rev. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer.

Thank you for your kind letter of the 9th of December.

This league was organized to ask men of all faiths to pledge themselves to pray daily for peace and justice among all men. We have no programme other than this. We conduct radio meditations and services of prayer and are now publishing a book of peace prayers. Our sponsors now include fifteen Episcopal bishops and many Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and other ministers. In our next printing of letter heads these names will be listed.

The letters "O.C.R." stand for the Order of Christ the King (in Latin), an intercessory group of men and women who spend a longer period each day in prayer for peace and who work for the coming of peace.

"His Beatitude, James I" is the title of an Orthodox bishop, the head of the African Orthodox Church. He is a Negro; hence the grandiloquent title.

I hope that you may be able to send me an original prayer for world peace to be included in the book of prayers which I am compiling. I judge from the prayers which have already been sent in for this book that it will be quite

representative of the highest spiritual aspiration
of our time. Contributors of prayers, for the most
part, are not members of the league.

Faithfully yours,

QA Cleveland Shrigley

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G. A. CLEVELAND SHRIGLEY

The Rev. Robert E. Spear
Lakeville, Conn.

195 Bird Avenue
Buffalo, New York
2 Sept., 1941

My dear Doctor Spear,

I am compiling a second book of prayers, one for each day in the year, for use in private and family devotions. I am asking men and women of various professions, here and abroad, to send me original prayers for this collection, which will soon be published.

Will you please send me a prayer of your composition, suitable for daily use? This prayer may be on any aspect of praise, thanksgiving, dedication, petition, etc., which you choose. I ask that it be of lasting usefulness and not concerned only with our needs in these times of war. In length the prayer ought not to exceed two hundred and fifty words.

Your prayer in my compilation, "101 Prayers for Peace", is a magnificent one. Unfortunately the printer substituted the word "fear" for "peace", but the editor of The Westminster Press assures me this will be corrected in future editions.

I look forward to your help once more in enriching the prayer life of many persons.

Faithfully yours,

G. A. Cleveland Shrigley

P.S. Would you like to have copies of the enclosed circular for distribution among your friends?

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THE REV. G. A. CLEVELAND SHRIGLEY
195 BIRD AVENUE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

29 June 1942

The Rev. Robert E. Spear
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Doctor Spear,

I enclose herewith a copy of the booklet,
"Prayers for Men in Service", which was issued
last week. Many pastors are sending copies
to all their men in service.

Soon I shall revise the booklet, adding
a few more pages. I should like very much
to have an original prayer of yours in the
revised edition. Will you write one for it, please?
The prayer ought to be brief and on any temporal
or spiritual need of men in service. No doubt
you will supply a prayer on some topic
which I have neglected to cover.

I look forward eagerly to your response.

Faithfully yours,

G. A. Cleveland Shrigley

P.S. The collection of daily prayers to which you
contributed some months ago will be published
this autumn.

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Shumman, Eskilla

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Riv Robert Spear S. D.

My Dear Fr. Good Friend

I long time I have heard
nothing from you I hope my
short letter will find you
healthy and happy in your
hope for the future you will
meet your beloved Jesus

Christ

I thank God for the faith
which I have in my beloved Master
Jesus Christ. That gave me same
hope, I am happy as I could be
happy in my master work

Now in the City Church we have
130 membership, we receive 12 New
members.

In the plain of Wuma, there are
9 preachers

Iran is good. Everything is so
safely. But every thing are
very expensive.

My health is good. But I am
sorry to say that my eyes are
very weak hardly I can write
thus a few lines to ~~you~~

Dear Mr. Row I am 47 years
old, 53 years I am practicing Gospel
to my people and to Muslims
I am looking to find a good
Christian and able young
preacher to take my place

We need to have a good
preacher, I am ~~praying~~ praying
to God for that & hope
you will pray for us.

In September there was
a very strong rain came in
Kuzaiti' destroy all grass and
peas in the vineyards:

Therefore people here have a very
hard time. Some are very poor,
For God I enclose only one word,
I am sure I will not see you
in this world. But I am sure
I will meet you in heaven.
I never forget what you have
done to me in ^{the} past
My family join with me to send
our Christian love to you
and to your good wife and
your children

We all will meet together
with your beloved Son.

Before the Throne of God

I should be very glad to

hear from you

Yours very sincerely

Babilla Shumman

Rich. Gray

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Goodbye

Shummon, Kasha Babilla
per Hugo A. Muller

Dictated Rezaieh, December 16, 1942

Dear Dr Speer,

I am utilizing the opportunity of Mr Muller's visit to Urumia to have him write write a letter to you for me, for my eyes have completely gone back on me.

I think you you many times and thank God for the great favors you did for me in the past. I can make you sure that your kindness was not wasted, for I am still able to preach regularly to my congregation. Our congregations are good, and my health continues good, and I hope to be able to preach until my death. I hope you will pray for us. Iran is having a very hard time and everything is expensive, but undoubtedly Europe is having a still harder time. I am sorry to say I have heard nothing from my children in America for a long time and I am so anxious about them. I want to give you my daughter's address, so you could ask her to write me her condition. It is: Mrs Annie Benjamin, 31 Lafayette Street, New Britain, Conn.

Very cordially yours,
(Shummon, Kasha Babilla)

Dear Dr Speer,

Let me just add a word, as I type the above letter in Tabriz Dec 19. Laura and I have been stationed in Tabriz, and I have just had the privilege of a short trip to "Urumia", where I was the guest of Kasha Babilla Shummon. He never ceases to speak of your very great kindnesses to him when he was a young man in America. He says he is now entering his 80th year "just five years older than Dr Speer". If there ever was a faithful preacher among the Assyrians Kasha Babilla is the one. His salary covers only about one-third of his living expenses (the rest he makes up from his vineyard income) but he says he will preach until he dies "because I love the work, and I believe in it". It is a marvel to me how young his spirit keeps and how he gets around among the villages in spite of his blindness.

Very cordially yours.

Hugo A. Muller

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MISS EMMA SILVER
873 EAST HOWARD STREET
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

March 13" 1942

My dear Dr. Speer,

The enclosed letter is one of the very few that any one has received from Shanghai for four months.

It was written, as you see, before everything happened, but only reached me a few days ago. Although it brought no word as to how every one is at the present time, which we so long to hear, yet my heart has been singing ever since because it did bring such good news of things as they were during the past year and up to November.

This letter is from my former pastor of the South Gate Church, Rev. Z.H. Tong. In the days when you used to visit China, and when I first went to South Gate, his father was the beloved pastor of that church. He, himself, was induced to go into Y.M.C.A. work at the time he was planning to enter the Theological Seminary and for sixteen years was one of their able secretaries.

But it is not of him that I want to write although he has had a marvelous influence in the whole city, as a Christian leader, helping to transform lives of prominent business and professional men. Also acted as Executive Secretary of the Relief work financed by the Christian body in Shanghai during the first year of the war.

This letter telling of our South Gate Church activities, especially of their giving through the Church, is to me an amazing evidence of their devotion to Christ.

None of our members are wealthy and all have suffered financially and those living formerly at South Gate have not yet felt it safe to return, but live in rented places.

The Commercial Press men who formerly gave so helpfully to all Church projects are now gone, and sad to say their sons are not church-minded.

I am writing because I want you to know what results have followed your sponsoring of our project of the Nantao Christian Institute when we were struggling to get it established.

MISS EMMA SILVER
873 EAST HOWARD STREET
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

salary and returned it to the church treasurer.

I count that the new church building, the seven buildings on the Girls' School campus are the outgrowth of the training our people received through their work and leadership in the Nantao Christian Institute.

Then too it is these same men and women in the three Pres. Churches who had worked together for the Institute who have assumed responsibility for financing and managing the work in our country field known as Phootong, across the river.

The war stopped for a time their going over there personally elders, deacons (men and women) to strengthen the groups there.

But this committee have continued to meet the financial need, placed workers as they could return and rebuilt chapels, homes for pastors and women evangelists.

I full well know that although you are no longer in the office of the Board you will be deeply interested and rejoice in the knowledge that the things you set going are carrying on to greater good.

All China missionaries around here, and there are more than a few of them, are in usual health and we often gather at each others homes and have such good times. Old friends (even those we fought with in days gone by) are more to one than new ones can ever be. The common tie is forged strong and sure.

Dr. Mattox. Mrs. Lingle and Mrs. Seymour had birthdays last week. Today Mr. and Mrs. Espey's newly purchased home was filled with the old friends who rejoiced to see them so cozily and comfortable settled. His Father's estate made this possible at last.

Are you not coming to California at least for a winter, soon. You will find a hearty welcome awaiting you and dear Mrs. Speer.

Cordially
Emma Silver

MISS EMMA SILVER
873 EAST HOWARD STREET
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

You of course will recall the conference in your office at the time Drs. Bible and Williams came to my assistance and I pleaded with all my soul that we be given a chance to lead the church out into community service, without being forced into a death struggle in competition with the Y.M.C.A who were planning to come into our district.

They never yielded their contention for a branch in that locality but we went ahead and they stayed out.

You know something of what that building has meant to the poor people in helping them to rehabilitate themselves since the city was bombed and burned.

Now as to what this has to do with the generous giving of our church people-- Before the Nantao Christian Institute was opened our church people worshipped in the chapel of the Boys School, promised their pastor \$12 a month salary, but did not always meet it.

After the Nantao organized a financial campaign for current expenses, the leaders in the Church who had put this campaign over launched the financial canvass for a new Church building, which the Pastor Li had been talking about for ten years.

Their experience in securing money for the Institute showed them what they could do. The church people responded finely many voluntarily bringing in their gifts and securing from friends in other churches, for Christians of other churches all feel such a move is a common interest.

No hectic methods were resorted to and they went over the top in the time allotted.

Next I tried to systematize the finances of the church but it was such an unheard of thing that we could not get it established, until two of our finest young men were ready to become pastors, then the session and membership wanted them both so made a canvass for the two salaries to be larger than anything the church had paid before, and yet they were loyal to the Chinese sense of regard for the old pastor that they insisted on retaining him also. He did not need the

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REV. E. P. SMITH, MINISTER
First Presbyterian Church
212 W. Walnut St. Birmingham, Ark.

January 4, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

You will not remember me, I am sure; so I want to introduce my self. I am the son of an old Cumberland minister, Rev. Willis Smith of Owensboro Ky, The brother of Rev. A. E. Smith who spent 25 years in the Home Mission Field of the Mts. of Ky., from 1906 to 1931, and a brother of Dr. J. E. Smith who served as a Medical Missionary to Africa between 1912 and 1920. I believe he served under your Board. I was in your office with my brother A. E. Smith about 1930, I believe, to investigate my going to the Foreign field. You informed me that I could not quite measure up to the requirements because of my family and age; so I returned home, and have been serving ever since under the National Mission Board.

Several days ago I came across an article intitled "Does Noah's Ark Exist Today"? In that article it re-printed information from Rev. Frederic G. Coan's book on Persian Missions, which article was intitled "Yesterday In Persia", and it stated that you wrote the introduction to the book. Now I want to know where I can purchase that book, for I want to obtain all the information I possibly can about any, and all efforts that have been made to determine whether or not the Ark does exist somewhere? Can you also tell me if there is any later information regarding the Ark, or a more complete account of what has been done about the matter than this book records? If you can, will you please give me all the information you have concerning the Ark?

I would also like to have your advice about this matter, for I am very much interested in obtaining direct knowledge of the Ark, and I feel that if complete information is not available it would be a very worthwhile work to make a trip to Mt. Ararat and obtain complete measurements, and take pictures of the Ark so that its existance could authoritatively be known? Do you think such an undertaking would be a worthwhile one, and of any real value to the Christian Religion of our day?

I have been thinking a great deal about this since I read this article, and I feel that I would like very much to be the one to obtain this information. I also feel that immediately after the present war is over would be a most opportune time to make such a trip, and obtain the aboved mentioned information; what do you think about the matter. Please give me your personal opinion regarding this matter, and it will be very much appreciated.

I know you are a very busy man, and that I should not bother you with my affairs, but I know of no one else who can give me the desired information. I trust that you can spare me just a little of your valuable time, and I assure you that whatever I do, I want it to be for the good of the Church, and the Glory of "Our Father In Heaven" and our "Lord Jesus Christ", whom you have given your life to serve. I assure you that any information and assistance you give me will be very much appreciated, for I feel this is a most worthy undertaking; and I ask your sincere prayers concerning the matter.

Again thanking you for all you do, I am,

Very sincerely yours in Christ's Service,

E. P. Smith

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June 4, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I must tell you how very grateful I feel for that lovely letter to me which I find among those collected by Dr. McCallie. While I feel quite unworthy of the kind things said about me by my friends, yet the reading of them is a real help and encouragement and inspiration, no matter how great the discount which one's own intelligence and conscience compel him to make.

Praise from you, my dear friend, is praise from Sir Hubert. I do trust that you and Mrs. Speer are enjoying the evening of your lives. You are not as old as I am, but what a wonderful life you are privileged to look back upon! That God's rich blessing may rest continually upon you and Mrs. Speer and all your loved ones, and the great work you continue to do, is the prayer of

Your sincere friend,

Egbert W. Smith

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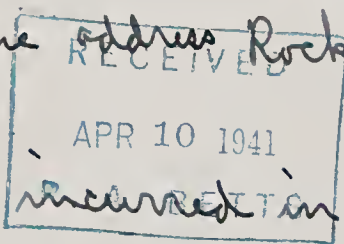
Smith Hazel G.
7700 Takoma Avenue
Washington, D. C.

April 9, 1941

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Dear Dr. Speer:-

Your letter addressed to my dear husband reminded me again that I have failed to do what I have intended doing, and that is to notify you of the home going of my dearest on March 20, 1940.

As I have looked over his papers I find friendly personal letters from you to him, which remind me again of the great esteem in which he always held you. I was not sure of your address and now this ~~is~~ stamped addressed ^{envelope} ~~letter~~ takes care of that. Is your home address Rockledge, Lakeville, Connecticut?



My dear husband had incurred in our joint name and of course with my sanction certain obligations to our home church, the payment of which has depleted my fund for benevolences.

I might say these were the only obligations he left, as his was a life of self denial. How I miss him I cannot tell you. Pray for me that I may be guided and kept. "The fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" and surely you are a righteous man.

Our house number has been changed to 7700 but the house is the same. I live here with my daughter Frances, her husband and six year old son, also have two roomers. The house is for sale. There again I desire the Lord's leading.

I had hoped to help the Bible Society, as well as myself, by investing in an annuity fund, but things have not so shaped themselves.

Will you kindly use the enclosed dollar to help in this worthy cause. Perhaps later I can give more substantial help.

Some of your books are in our library and are surely very helpful. I remember you as one of God's noblemen.

Sincerely yours
Hazel G. Smith

Smith, L. H. D.

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This is a nice kind of
Fundamentalist!

708 Franklin St.
Vancouver, Wash.
Jan. 28, 1943

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Ave. New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:- At the time of the division in the Presbyterian Church, though a person of no importance, but because of my zeal for the church, to return to the old paths, I wrote letters to some of the leaders.

Recently I discover that some of these letters were couched in language that is in plain disobedience to Scripture according to one of Paul's letters to Timothy.

I am writing to humbly beg your pardon for a letter or letters I may have sent you and do not plead zeal as an excuse for rude utterances they may have contained.

Through chastisement God has enabled me to examine my own heart and I found some things there that are not well-pleasing to Him.

However, I would have you know that the articles I have written and distributed were written ^{with a pure motive} trusting they would glorify God and be instrumental in extending His kingdom. I appreciate the long-suffering and patience of the leaders who sent courteous replies to my letters, and beg that you will, for Christ's sake forgive me, even as God has.

Sincerely, in Christ's Name,

Mrs. Lily D. Smith

Smith, Lilly D.

DS

708 Franklin St.
Vancouver, Wash.
Sept. 8, 1943

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am sure you will understand my sending this communication with a magazine under separate cover when I tell you that a Bible reference in an article by Dr. Kehler on page 362 in the magazine, "Revelation" reminded me of you. I think you will be interested in the article because of a comment you made in reference to a leaflet I sent you at the time you were in Oklahoma. The title-- "Have You Been Unclotthed?"

You were an inspiration to me when, as a girl of sixteen, I attended Christian Endeavor Conventions in Iowa.

I have taken as my task the publication and distribution of Bible passages in the form of tracts. The small buff ones were designed especially for mothers to send to their boys in the service. I furnish these and any of the others free on request.

Dr. Barnhouse's magazine, "Revelation" need not be returned.

Sincerely Yours,

Lilly D. Smith

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Estacada

~~Franklin St.~~ Oregon

~~Wassenaar, Washington~~

April 30, 1943

Dear Mrs. Smith:-

I have read your literature and I am returning the pieces you wanted returned. You see I happen to belong to a group of Christian Endeavorers. We have an average attendance of about forty. These young people come as high as thirty miles to come to meet on Saturday night. We are an active group, thanks to our beloved minister who has left as a chaplain for the army.

Many of our boys have gone into the service and we, that are behind write them letters and sometimes we send them our Christian Endeavor World. The small religious pamphlets that you gave me were distributed to different sections of the United States and possessions which are: Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Virginia, and California. So, you see, they are traveling and spreading the good word hither and thither.

Sincerely Yours,

Miss Irene Koenig.

Miss Koenig is a Baptist

Smith, Margaret P.



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20 Willow Terrace Apts.
Louisville, Kentucky
February 25, 1942

My dear Dr. Speers:

I'm very concerned to know about your sister, Margaret. I knew her so well in Peiping and spent considerable time with her when there. I, a week end now and then with her and August Wagner and they would come in and have a week-end at my home..

I heard from her several times and when she was last here.. the last I heard she was in Peiping, in recent months have read of Dr. Stuart's being kept in "comfortable confinement" by the Js.- If it is not asking too much of your time, will you be so kind as to let me know what you hear of him, his whereabouts and how he is.. And especially do I wish to know about Margaret and Miss. Wagner..

I hear now and then from friends in Peiping, and in different parts of China but the mail is not coming through with any regularity.. The China Weekly Review, for instance, is very delayed.-

I did get recently, the card from my friend, K.C. Chang, announcing the marriage of his sister, Lomay Chang to Dr. Buck.. What a remarkable work he has done for China! Just as has been done in the same direction by James Y.C. Yen at Tingsien.. as you know..

Not going into any war discussion- I'm not at all down hearted.. not about the Chinese!

With all good wishes and hoping some day to know you- not only for your own sake but **Because** I am so devoted to your sister and have so high an admiration for her and her family.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margaret Procter Smith

8 1 Prospect Street
Northampton

8 March 1942

Dear E.B.S. -

Mrs. Margaret Proctor Smith might have remained an unsolved mystery as far as Northampton was concerned had Mary Van Deusen not been here. She - Mrs. Cortlandt Van Deusen - exiled from China and her husband, came to Northampton just a short time ago to take the headship of Tenney House (our only really cooperative house at Smith), which is merely a bed-and-board position, but which will give her experience for something in that line another year. The minute I mentioned the name of Mrs. Smith to Mary, she said - "Oh, yes, she is a person who lived in Louisville, Kentucky, and spent a summer in Tsingtao just before 1927." Then she went on to give such details as one could almost have written down from the evidence of the letter - - a travelling lecturer, going abroad for material for lectures from time to time; friendly; good-looking; inclined to wear a good deal of jewelry; not interested in church affairs - or possibly an Episcopalian!; and more of the same. - I cannot remember ever having heard of Mrs. Smith, and it may be that she was in Peking during my furlough in 1925-26.

Smith, William F.

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KENTUCKY AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. WILLIAM F. SMITH, PASTOR
211 SOUTH SIXTH ST.

PADUCAH, KY.

April 24, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
c/o Presbyterian Theological Seminary,
2247 North Halstead Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I cannot attend the commencement at the Seminary this year; I do not make a salary sufficient to enable me to get out of Paducah, but I would attend if I was able.

I note that you are to make an address at 8:00 P. M. on Tuesday, April 28th, on the subject, "What the Church has a Right to Expect from the Seminaries". I believe I can anticipate many things you will say. But I hope for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the church, and for the millions of dying souls without salvation, that you will stress evangelism. E. Stanley Jones said in Paducah last February, "If you try a plan in the church and it does not work, change your plan." That is sound advice. Now I am of the opinion that our Presbyterian Evangelism of the past 20 years or more is not getting the results it should get. In this section of the south the Methodists and Baptists and Disciples are having the greatest success in bringing large numbers into the church through their methods of evangelism. At the same time our Presbyterian ministers, without adequate evangelistic training, are just "holding the fort". Coming home from Bowling Green a few months ago, where we heard you and others in that Seminar, a young preacher in our Presbytery, a recent graduate of one of our larger Seminaries, asked me the question, saying, "How do you go about putting on a series of evangelistic services?" He was sincere. On questioning him I discovered that he did not know as much about it as a young layman in this part of the country would know by observation.

I have been very successful in evangelism, but I did not learn it while in Seminary. Do something to stir up the faculty in Chicago and elsewhere to evangelism. A young graduate from the Seminary should also know something about the mechanics of a campaign as well as the spiritual and preaching part. They may know something about the latter but nothing about the former.

You will remember me as the man who said at Bowling Green that I had been hearing you talk for 30 years and I expected to hear you for another 30 years.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. Smith.
W. F. Smith.

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Pioneer Minister Passed to Reward; Was 99 Years Old

Father of W. J. Smith Had Enjoyed Eventful and Very Useful Life

At the age of 99 years, Rev. George B. Smith, father of W. J. Smith of this city, passed away at the home of a daughter in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Saturday, March 8th. Funeral services were held at two o'clock on the following Tuesday at the Hope Presbyterian church in that city and burial made in the Lakewood cemetery at Minneapolis, beside his wife who died on May 7, 1906.

The deceased was born in Westmoreland county Penn. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Civil War. He was ordained a minister in 1871 and obtained his first pastorate in Seward, Nebraska. Later he served in Iowa and Illinois, moving to Minnesota in 1901, where he became pastor of a Presbyterian church.

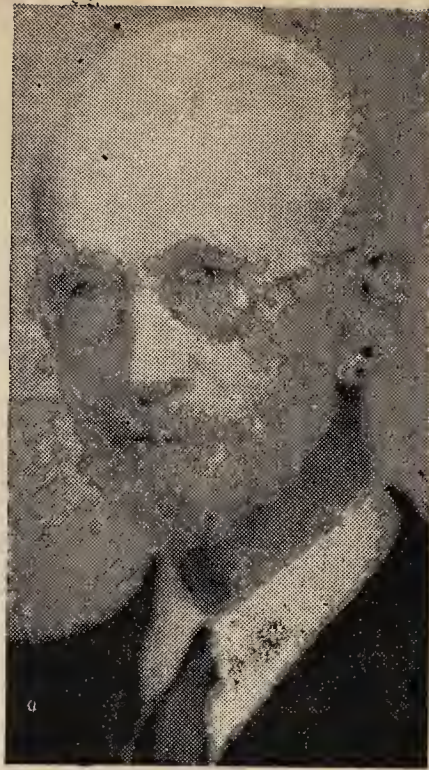
In 1907 he moved to ^{SOUTH} St. Paul, serving as pastor for three years and he served as chaplain of the Minnesota Soldiers Home in Minneapolis from 1920 to 1930. He was former chaplain of the Minnesota Grand Army of the Republic and of the national organization.

Interviewed on his ninety-eighth birthday he attributed his longevity and fitness for long hours of work to "behaving himself and not running around nights." However, four of his immediate ancestors died at an average age of 92 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Walter M. Kilpatrick of Delaware, Ohio, and Mrs. Richard U. Jones of St. Paul; one son, W. J. Smith of Lake Wales; 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. One son, Rev. C. Smith, died in India in 1922, after 22 years engaged in missionary work.

W. J. Smith of this city attended the funeral. His father had visited here in 1914 and four years ago he visited his father in St. Paul.

Read the want ads in the News for bargains!



Rev. George B. Smith, father of W. J. Smith of this city, who passed away last week at the age of 99 years. Picture when on his 98th birthday.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Next Sunday night at 7:30, Dr. Mary Longdon, a returned medical missionary from India will be the speaker. Dr. Longdon spent over thirty years on the foreign field. She is a very interesting speaker and will bring a message of interest. Besides appearing in native dress of India, she will display many articles that she has brought back with her. A cordial invitation extended to members, friends and visitors to attend this service.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

C. F. Dance, Minister
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Juniors Present Play This Evening

"Springtime for Susie," a 3-act comedy featuring Susie Smith, a super-demon from Texas who always says the wrong thing at the right time, will be presented by the Junior Class in the high school auditorium tonight at eight o'clock. Mrs. Sara Davis is directing the entertainment.

Ruth Sprott has the leading role of Susie who makes a drastic effort to settle differences in the household of Sam Lorraine, a hen-pecked husband played by Tom Nelson. Neil Smith takes the part of Bunny Slimebee, an Englishman who adds to the entertainment with corny jokes.

Other members of the cast are Laura (Mildred) Lorraine; Lola Clifton (Smith), Laura's sister; Armistice Jones (Lee) Susie's color Lorraine, (Jones (Lee) Pawle (John) Clooney, P and Sadi Bran Ma Fr a

Firestone Officers Visit Sherman's

The president and first vice president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, were in Lake Wales today and paid a visit to Sherman's Service Station. Inspecting the Firestone station, they complimented him highly on the way he has run up, especially in view of the budget.

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Smith, W.J.

W. J. SMITH
HIGHLAND PARK
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

March 29, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Board of Foreign Missions of
The Presbyterian Church of U. S. A.
156 5th Avenue,
New York N. Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:

I have been intending for some days to write you of the death of my father, Rev. George B. Smith on the 8th of this month.

Father had reached the ripe old age of 99 years and we were looking forward to his completion of the century mark, but a sick spell in December followed by a cold in February was too much for him to throw off and he passed quietly to his reward on the afternoon of Saturday, March 8th.

Father had kept a clear mind and in good health practically up until the end. Altho we regret his inability to reach the century to which he had aspired, we are thankful for the many happy years he spent with us.

I reached St. Paul the afternoon of Friday, March 7th. He recognized me but was unable to speak, but apparently he recognized all of us up until the end.

We all remember so kindly your letter to father at the time of my brother's death in India. It was always a source of great comfort to father that Ray was held so highly in the minds of those with whom he came in contact in the Foreign field.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



W. J. Smith.

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send me
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July 6, 1943

Robert E. Spear

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer
156 - 5th Avenue
New York, New York

My beloved Friend:

I do not think I have ever troubled you before with a real stiff question which might take a little bit of your time to answer, and I trust you will really forgive me for doing so today, but you are the man to turn to, and I would appreciate any help you can give me in this matter.

I am doing a new work in apologetics, the central theme of which is a re-examination of Paul's glorious address to the Athenians as the basis for a modern apologetic. I am really excited about the book, and I am working at it day and night.

What I am writing to you for is this - from all your vast reading, can you recall any great occasion or occasions in which this Athenian address, or the great truth of the resurrection of Christ from the dead, was used with power in missionary work? Best of all, do you know of any volume on missionary enterprise which emphasizes the value of preaching the resurrection of Christ in missionary work?

I notice in your recent book on the Great Commission that a footnote informs the reader that you have just had a letter from a missionary telling how important the doctrine of the resurrection is in missionary preaching, but this, of course, is anonymous. Perhaps you have done

something along this line yourself. Anyway, my dear friend, if you can direct me to any volumes, or articles, in this matter, believe me I would profoundly appreciate it.

Do you know, by the way, anyone in this country who has a complete index to missionary articles in all the important periodicals? I might also write to them if you think it would be worth while. Let me have a word from you, my dear friend, at your earliest convenience, because I want to complete this book, if possible, this month.

Ever cordially yours,

Wilbur M. Smith

Member of Faculty

WMS:VP

Stackpole, Martin

59 Central St.

Andover
Mass.

Nov 2, 1941

Dear Robert

Many many
Thanks for your most kind
letter. It was a great
disappointment to me not
to be in Milton for your
visit, but I shall look
forward to another year.
I am so glad that Pier
& Agnes could see you and
that you enjoyed your
visit.

I am slowly getting
over my lameness. The
swimming in the Academy
pool is especially beneficial.

Thank you for coming
to Milton. Pier has spoken
most warmly about your
address, and I am so glad

to have Mr. Field get
acquainted with you and
to have you get in
touch with the school.

Here in Andover I have
seen a little of some
of my old colleagues,
especially Lewis and Poynter
but ~~one or two~~ oh! what
changes!

Please give my love to
Emma and tell her how
glad I am that she
went with Eva & Milton
with all good wishes

Affectionately yours,
Markham Buckhol

Sometimes we should love
to come to Takerville

Staley, J.B.

4 Church St.

Grafton, N. Va.

June 22, 1943.

JRS

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer,

We had such a splendid clinic,
and it was my first trip northward, but
I had the privilege of hearing you at
Bluefield, N. Va. a few years ago.

Your visit meant so much to us at
Furnessville, and the lecture on George
Bower was so inspirational. I'm
hoping you have found a copy of your book
I need such inspirational reading.

You may send it C.O.D. I don't
know what it may be.
Thank you so much Dr. Speer.

Sincerely,
J.B. Staley.

(Stobbins) "Uncle Geo."

83 HIGH STREET
CATSKILL, N. Y.

Apr. 9/40

Dear Robert,

It did my heart good to get your letter to ithen day, as it always has the many times you have honored me with your letters from various parts of the world, and I thank you most heartily for it. My awakened love for you goes back fifty years I should say. The years that intervened were wonderful years for you in which you saw the Foreign Missionary work under your direction coming to its peak

of usefulness I should say. It was
a great period in your life, the results
of which are only known on high.
It is a joy to think of you as still
giving to the world the inspiration
of your voice and pen, and I pray
you may continue for many years
to come. I hope you and Mrs Spear
do well and have a happy
and useful summer. I am
thankful to say I am wonderfully ^{well}
and am enjoying God's gracious care
to the full. With abiding love for
Mr. & Mrs. Robert, and Mrs. Spear, I
am gratefully & affectionately yours
Wm. H. Burleigh

(Stobbins) "Uncle Geo."

83 HIGH STREET
CATSKILL, N. Y.

Apr. 15/41

Dear Robert,

It did my heart good to get
your lovely letter with your greeting
upon my birthday, and I thank
you for it with a full heart ^{for it},

It is good to know you are
still engaged in the work you
have loved to do all your life and
what you have always been
so well enabled to do ~~now~~
by the presence of the Spirit

of God, and it is to be hoped
you will be given many more
years to continue. You are to
be most heartily congratulated
by the multitudes that love you
here, and greatly rewarded by
the Saviour Himself when
you will meet Him in the
home beyond. You have been
one of the chief blessings of my
life, and every thought of you
warms my heart in deep
gratitude and affection.
My love to Mrs. Spurr Love to George



A
LETTER



“A letter from one hymn writer, Mr. George C. Stebbins, to another of like occupation, Mr. Hubert P. Main” (by permission).

November 16th, 1920

Dear Hu:

Your letter of the 10th was duly received and as there was nothing regarding the business in hand which had not already been covered, I did not think it important to reply.

But your remark regarding Mr. Alexander's death, and the wish you expressed, or hope, that you will be as sure of your eternal home as he was, has lingered in my mind and leads me to tell you how I stand on this greatest of all questions, even though it may seem rather presuming on my part to even think there is any need of it in this case.

When I started out on the Christian life over fifty years ago, I had for some time, several years, indeed, a rather vague idea of my relations to God, and a still more vague idea as to the matter of my salvation; but the time came when my attention was directed to the conditions as given in the scriptures on which I could be sure of my salvation, and gradually it became clear to me that if I fulfilled the conditions very simply and plainly given, I was given God's word for it that my salvation was assured, and that regardless of my "worthiness," per se; and since that became not only clear to me, but a settled conviction, I have never looked to my goodness or my worthiness as the ground of my assurance for salvation.

The "conditions" as given in the word are well known, and hardly need mentioning, so familiar are they, but as they lie at the very threshold of our hope, they cannot be too well understood nor too much insisted upon. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and

thou shalt be saved," is a simple statement, and easily to be understood; but while that is true, "believing" in the sense everywhere implied as the condition, means the difference between life and death. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that no mistake shall be made regarding it. Unquestionably it means a definite acceptance and believing on—or trusting—Christ as Saviour and Lord. When that is done, we have the assurance of His word that we have as a present possession, eternal life, as given in John 1: 12; John 5: 24 and John 6: 47. This being the case, and assured by His own word, there need be no questioning of our own worthiness or merit, for our standing is not in them, but in the worthiness and merit of Christ Himself.

So, dear Hu, knowing as you do where your belief, or "trust", has long been, you have, as I have, Christ's word for it that we have now eternal life, hence we do not have to wait till we pass over the threshold into the other life to know definitely and without question that we have "passed from death to life," and, therefore, need not be at all apprehensive lest we, because of the consciousness of our unworthiness, which we all have, may fail in the end of gaining the "eternal home" of which you speak.

I have never known the time when I have felt for a moment free from a sense of unworthiness, or free from a consciousness of imperfection and of a sinful nature, but since I have come to understand that I am accepted of God on the ground of Christ's righteousness, and not my own, and therefore my "standing" is in Him and His righteousness, and not my own, I have ceased to even question the fact of my present salvation.

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This is the glorious hope about which you have been singing thru your hymns for more than a half century, and presently the reality of these things will burst upon us, and we see with our own eyes the face of our Redeemer and the glories of that fair land beyond the sea.

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My love to you, as in the many years gone by,

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George C. Stebbins
83 High Street
CATSKILL-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

"Uncle George"

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Dear Robert,

It was lovely of you to write me such a long and interesting letter to come by from Boston, and I am thankful for it with a full heart. I recalled the bright letters and cash you used to send me when on your Mission tours on the western side of the world. You begin your letter with an apology for not sending me a birthday line on the 26th, saying you were in California at the time - which I appreciate very greatly. ^{But} Robert, you are too busy a man to give any thought about me and my passing another milestone. I never expect it, so there is no sense of disappointment when I do not get a message from you. No friend has ever been quite so loyal to me as you have always been. Never

Your silence on such occasions never raises
a question in my mind, nor a feeling that I am
being slighted. It always leaves my heart glad to
hear from you as it always ^{has} been to look in
your face. This is one of the things God has
given me to enjoy during the many years since
we first met in Northfield when you and I were
young. - You a score of years the younger.
What you tell me of your daughter, one in China
and one with you with her refugee children, and
the other shut away from you somewhere un-
known to you. The first is a joy to you and Mrs
Spurr and the other a source of anxiety in this dread-
ful war over the world. Of course, it is a joy to
you and Mrs Spurr to have your daughter and children
under your care, and it must give you both a feel-
ing that you are beginning life over again to have
them. You speak of other refugees you and

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Mrs Spens are stepping from the war on the
other side. A remarkable undertaking even for
so wonderful a woman as Mrs Spens, and your
help when at home. Give her my love. - all you
don't appropriate yourself. It has been 42 years since
spending a night in your home, and the last ^{time} I was here
was that was one of my happy experiences of those
days I have kept well in memory.

As for myself, I am thankful to say I keep
feeling well all the time, though time is taking
toll of my strength as reflected in my movements
when walking, so I use a cane to keep me on
my feet. And as to my sister and the "angel
guardian" God gave us many years ago, my sis-
ter is able to walk only with great difficulty,
but like myself is free from pain, and
keeps feeling well. Miss Litzko, our guardian

friend is ever the joy of our hearts and I am,
in every way, ever have occasion to thank
our heavenly Father. I could not be more hap-
pily situated in these "waiting days", than I am
now and here, which I thank our gracious God for
with all my heart, as the days go by.

Robert, if you haven't seen the enclosed printed
letter, you will be surprised to find me in-
terpreting some of the vital foundations ~~of the~~
to a friend. The letter explains itself, and needs
no telling again. No, indeed, do I need to say re-
garding my standing on the great question. This is the
Rock on which I stand.

Many hundreds of these letters have found their way
over the country since printed about a year ago.
This calls for no remarks for our poor, worried
letter, when you have such demands upon your strength
and time. As the ~~sun~~ ^{Sun} is setting for me, there is no
dimming of its light, ~~for me~~ - The promise "as executed it
shall be light" ^{is} being fulfilled for me. Ever gratefully
and affectionately, Uncle George.

83 High St. (Canton, N.H.).

Aug. 3/42

Dear Robert,

It was a great pleasure to get your lovely letter
some days ago, and I thank you for it. It was a pleasure
we also to read the letter of your friend which you
kindly enclosed. But your telling me that you were read-
ing again the Reminiscences, brought a surprise I could
never have thought possible. That you should have read it in the
just place was an honor I have long appreciated,
and doubly so that you should read it again.
I do not remember but I have sent you a copy of
this letter enclosed written 20 years ago to Mr. Train
who was for 60 years I believe, the musical edi-
tor of all of the Biglow & Train publications,
which as you see was recently put in print by
a son of his who is an excellent and my aboriginal
architect in New Jersey, I do not know if the
theologians of the present day will quite agree
with my explanation of the heres present state of
the Believer on New. Nor I fear they would not
in my early years when great stress was laid

meanly revealed ⁽³⁾ himself to me as I had
never known him, and the rather by drove up
to call upon us here (over 5,000 lambs substituted)
and so by various means God makes
known to the world His love in redemption.

I note you are getting joy and rest of heart and
mind in your flower garden in your country
house, and also that you are preaching on Sunday
and occasional week days, the very kind of life I
am sure you have longed for. It would be a joy to look
into your face, and that of Mrs. Spens, for it is now
thirty years since seeing you both. I can well understand
you have little time for anything aside from your work
and house, and I cannot expect you to come as
far as this. The sun is your evening ~~with~~ but
rays for me will be its great rays of the lowering
morning, and mean time the promise that at noon,
if time it shall be light is being fulfilled as
it shines on my pathway. My love goes with
this to you and Mrs. Spens affectionately
Uncle George

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emotional experiences as the only assurance
of value for the Christian. The printing and
distribution of the letter since it was printed
about two years ago, has given great surprise to
Mr. Main's son and to me, for it has never been
addressed, and no person has been asked to ac-
cept it, believing, as Mr. Main did that if it was the
Lord's will He would make it known. I have
often put a copy in a letter, but without referring to
it. At the first a friend to whom I sent a copy
sent for 50 copies at once saying he would use
them. Recently our College - Will known - sent for
one thousand copies, another for several hundred.
And still more recently Mr. Crowl of Moody Bible
Institute sent for three thousand to be distributed
by the Allportage Association, all of these sent without
charging. A few months ago a business man on
Long Island, sent for 500 for personal distribution.
The same man has sent over one hundred dol-
lars for printing and distribution, and only

Weslwood N. J.,
R 2 Box 462

April,

Stebbins, Welthie

Dr. Speers.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing to see if
I can get a little help.
I saw a few weeks ago that you
were going to give an address in
Marble Collegiate Church in N. Y. City.
and I did so want to hear you.
I knew it would be impossible for
me to go and hear you but I wrote
and asked for your address and
also if your address was made public
that some copies might be mailed to
me, but got word that none had been
printed.. Some months ago I was
searching for Truth and I was
reading your book "Seeking the mind of
Christ and the chapter on "Doing right
just because it is right" seemed to
take hold of me and I tried to take
it in and let it guide me, I have
a letter which I wrote to Dr Peale to
see if he could help me

but I could not give him particulars enough to make him understand without bringing others into it and I did not know as the Lord wanted me to do that. I never sent this letter to him) but thought I would send it to you, just as I wrote it and that ~~for~~ you might be able to understand some thing from it

I feel that I must have the Spirit of Truth that I cannot depend on the written word with out have the Spirit-bear witness to to the Truth I will not try to write any more now, if you are the one God is going to use to help me, He knows how to do it. I shall always be glad that "The Mind of Christ" ever came into my hands.

Yours Sincerely

Walthie Stebbins

Westwood N. J.

R 2 Box 642

Dr. Norman Peake: Dear Sir,
When I read your sermon in which you
told of reading Dr. Caubach's, "Letters of a
modern mystic" and how you had been
stirred by it, I had a longing to read it,
with the hope that I too might be stirred
by it, but it did not seem to help me.
I felt if I could get away from my
surroundings here, and be where I could try
to get the spiritual help I needed through
coming in contact with spiritual advisers
whom I could trust, I did feel that if I
could have a talk with you, you might be
able to help me, I did try to get away from
here, that is I wrote to some whom I thought
might be able to help me, but every way
seemed to be closed as I felt it could
not be the Lord's way. Then a book was
given me, "Seeking the mind of Christ" by
Dr. Robert Speers" and while reading it

2) a light seemed to dawn upon my path - faint, at first, but enough to let me know that I had been going in the wrong direction. and the only thing to do was to seek and find what was God's right way for me. and I followed on this best I knew how and I eventually found my self in a place where I am controlled by circumstance from which I could not free myself ~~and one more word, not that I have yielded myself to him, but it seemed as though~~ I could not do anything to free myself, but as Elijah had to wait for God's will had to be revealed to him before he could "go and hide by the brook" and be fed by the ravens, so I must wait for God to reveal His will in regard to me.

It all seems so strange and I suppose I thought if I could talk it over with you, the experiences you have been through would help you to help me see if I was doing wrong in any way and if so to help me see what would be the right

3) right thing for me to do now. whether there is something for me to do, or whether it is just wait for the Lord to work things out. I am afraid of trying to do anything myself and do not even know if I am doing right in writing to you - but it surely cannot be wrong to ask you to pray for me, for I am sure I need prayer and I am not willing to be controlled by the natural mind but I want to be controlled by the will of God.

4) Perhaps it would be better for me to address the letter to Mrs Peale and of course I am perfectly willing for her to know anything I write.

Yours sincerely

Walthie Stebbins

Westwood N. J.

This poor soul is so vague that it is
hard to see how anyone can help her,
but perhaps she can realize that the
help she needs has to come from God
alone.

For immediate release

Charles Stelzle, Inc.
512 Fifth Avenue
New York City

To the editor:--

It is with deep regret that I inform you of Dr. Charles Stelzle's death on the morning of February 27th. At his funeral, the Machinists' ritual was read by representatives of Labor. Knowing that the papers which have been printing Dr. Stelzle's articles would want to run a special story on his passing, we asked Dr. Spencer Miller, Jr., a close personal friend, to write a brief tribute. He has graciously done so and his article is printed below.

Next week you will receive the article to which Dr. Miller refers and on which Dr. Stelzle was working on the evening of his death. It is entitled "If a Man Die" -- an almost prophetic subject.

Dr. Stelzle had realized for some time that his age and health numbered the days of his service and had made definite plans for me to continue the work in the event of his being incapacitated. Details regarding these plans will be sent to you shortly.

I will appreciate your sending me two copies of any issue of your paper containing Dr. Miller's tribute to Dr. Stelzle, as I am making up a memorial book and would like to include all papers printing.

CHARLES STELZLE, INC.

Ruth Taylor

*I am sorry indeed to hear of his going - but it must be to help be remembered & labor thru this article
Sybil*

CHARLES STELZLE
1869 - 1941

by

Spencer Miller, Jr.
Director of the Workers Education Bureau

Charles Stelzle is no more! He who for forty years was one of the most earnest and eloquent interpreters of the ideals of labor has set out on the Great Adventure which men call death.

But the spirit of such a man can never die. "There's something in man that lives forever", wrote this philosopher of labor in his last message to the labor press. He will live in the memory of countless workers to whom he has become the embodiment of a life of consecrated service to his fellows. As President Green said of him: "I was truly sorry when I learned of the death of Dr. Stelzle. His sudden passing will be a shock to all his friends and those who knew him in our great labor movement. He was held in high regard and high esteem by the officers and members of the American Federation of Labor."

Charles Stelzle was a man of many gifts; he used them all. He early learned how to transform adversity into triumph; how to overcome the forces of darkness with the light that never fails. His life story is another of those romances which could have its setting only in America. Born seventy years ago in dire poverty in the restricted area in an East Side tenement in lower New York, he rose to be the intimate of Presidents and leaders of thought and opinion throughout America. Denied formal education beyond his eleventh year because of the needs of his family, he became one of the best informed men by dint of hard work and study. Limited in his early youth to develop his native skill he became a master craftsman as a machinist and was later offered the foremanship in R. Hoe & Company, where he had begun as an apprentice boy.

Distressed by the lack of appreciation by the Church of the problem of labor, Charles Stelzle studied for the ministry and was ordained a Presbyterian minister. Nor

was that all. Under his leadership Labor Temple was founded in the heart of New York's East Side, to witness to the workers the relevance of the Christian ethic to every problem in human relations.

In the fullness of his manhood it could be said of him that nothing that was human was alien to his concern. The record of his accomplishment could have been the proud boast of a half dozen men. Founder of the Labor Temple and its first director. Organizer of the Labor Department of the Presbyterian Church. Inaugurator of Labor Sunday. Director of Relief and Emergency Measures in the City of New York. Chairman of countless Arbitration Boards for settling industrial disputes. Director of social surveys in living conditions of workers in hundreds of American cities. Director of the Good Neighbor League. Militant interpreter of the Social Gospel of Jesus. Lecturer and Public Relations Counsellor. Fraternal delegate to the American Federation of Labor for twenty years. Special writer for religious, Negro, and labor press, speaking weekly to over ten millions of his fellow citizens.

In recognition of his varied and devoted services to his fellow men, Cumberland University awarded him the degree of Doctor of Laws. But no honor in his lifetime brought him deeper and more abiding satisfaction than the gold veterans' badge he received from his Eureka Machinist Lodge #434 in Brooklyn for his thirty-five years of continuous membership in the International Association of Machinists, of which he was a proud and loyal member. For it was as a workingman that he first caught the vision of service to mankind; it was as a master craftsman that he looked down the corridors of time to that Carpenter of Nazareth - Master Craftsman and Master of Men. To His service Dr. Stelzle devoted his voice, his pen - his whole life.

At the graveside as his mortal remains were being laid away amid the snow-covered hills of Westchester county, I, as a friend of many years, read Charles Stelzle's last written words: "If a man die shall he live again? No -- because he shall never die. There's something in man that lives forever."

This was a fitting epitaph for this son of the bowery, master craftsman, man of God, servant of humanity.

NOTE: At the urging of Dr. Stelzle's many friends Miss Ruth Taylor, his associate and partner of many years, has been asked to carry on with his articles to the Labor Press - interpreting his spirit and proclaiming his faith in God and in his fellowmen.

S. M., Jr.

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Re: Stelzle
(By Taylor)

Charles Stelzle

INC.

512 Fifth Avenue
New York City

October
Seventeenth
1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

In the months before Dr. Stelzle's death he sent you copies of the articles which he syndicated each week to the labor press, and since then I have continued to do so.

These articles are now being printed by over 300 labor papers. We have also added a service to the rural press and one to the Negro press of the country. In all, our three services are printed by approximately 750 papers. This, of course, does not mean that they are printed every week, but a surprisingly large number of papers do use them regularly.

I shall be very glad to keep you on the list to receive these articles if you wish me to do so, and if there is anyone else to whom you think the articles should be sent, if you will simply give me the names and addresses I shall add them to our list.

The articles are written, free from political or religious bias, with these thoughts in mind - to promote Democracy, to break down racial and religious prejudice and intolerance, and to encourage clear thinking on problems that confront America today.

You will have noticed that occasionally I send out an especially timely article written by Dr. Stelzle. I have been most interested in going over his old material, some of it written more than twenty years ago, to find how keen was his vision and how accurate his forecast. I have many articles of his, written at various periods, which I plan to send out, as they deal so accurately and comprehendingly with present day conditions.

If you have any criticisms or suggestions at any time regarding these articles, I should greatly appreciate it if you would write me. In carrying on Dr. Stelzle's work, I know you will understand that I am only trying to present the principles for which he stood and the ideals in which he so strongly believed.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES STELZLE, INC.

Ruth Taylor
Ruth Taylor

RT:bm

Stevenson, Margaretta P.

1-11-42

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My dear Dr. Speer:

Your beautiful letter touches me very deeply; and my Brother and I are most appreciative of your personal devotion to Father. It pleased ^Dhim so very much that you called him "Uncle William" and he was very devoted to you. All the period of his association

appreciate yours coming to
Roselle to the services last
Friday. It was a long trip and
^{we} appreciate your taking it.

Father was in New York at
my brother's office on Dec. 21st
and was taken ill on the
next day. He lived just a
week and did not suffer
much, for which we are most
thankful. We feel he was
spared a life of more or less
misadventure, and that would
have been so hard for him.
I cannot yet realize that he

with the Board of Foreign Missions
you were one of its secretaries and
he had a great admiration for your
ability and consecrated spirit.

He was so very pleased that
you were elected President of the
Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary
and he so often spoke ^{very} affectionately
of you ^{there}. But I think the work of the
Foreign Board was always nearest
to his heart.

My brother and I do so greatly

was gone. We have always
seen great comrades.

We have a great
heritage and much to
live up to.

My brother and I do
thank you so much for your

letter. Very sincerely yours,

Margaretta P. Stevenson.

Roselle, New Jersey

January Eleventh
Nineteen, fifty-two.

Strong, Benjamin

45 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

September 4, 1942

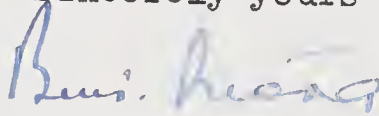
Dear Mr. Speer:

As an officer of your church, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed preliminary pamphlet describing how the Presbyterian Church is doing its part in winning the war, and how it proposes to raise the needed funds.

We of the War-Time Service Commission are now busy organizing the Fund, and will need your help and enthusiastic co-operation. Your church will in due course receive the detailed plan of the campaign and suggestions as to how you can put it into action.

It's a big job but a very necessary one, and we hope you will get behind it one hundred per cent.

Sincerely yours



Benjamin Strong

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

to hear from you & oblige
yours truly

Mrs L Stickney

See page 12

47 Hogarth ave, Toronto

Dear Friend

Ontario

I see in the little paper ^{Canada} from
India from Bro Norton on 2nd page
that I can get the life of George Bowen
can be had which has been written
by Robert Speer, & can be had from
the Missionary Review of the World.
I dont see any price. I am waiting

(Strong) John H.

Jan. 29, 1940

EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

My very dear Robert!

I thank you for the
comfort of your thought
and words. The death of
my brother has made me
very sad, — far more so
than the death of dearly
loved Kate, whom you
knew; partly for the
solitude of his life;
partly for the spiritual
want which I always
saw when I looked deep

into his Eyes. Charles
was without the things which
make life tingling joy to
me. The things of the Christian
faith were symbols and
concepts, through which
his able and analytical
mind did not perceive to
what lies behind them and
explains them. He had not
repudiated them — he simply
did not know them. But he
has taken nobility, courage
patience and them with

him into the world where
such things alone are valued,
and where perfect love alone
reigns.

Gratefully, and with warm
love,
Yours, always,
John A. S.

P.S. Again I am like to miss
you, when you come to preach,
also! I shall be at that
"Lecture Week" of Union Theological
Seminary, ^{Richmond,} where I have four
addresses. Let me have in that

the bearing of a prayer.... You
will find an exceptional man
in Bob Russell's place, -
Rev. Floyd McGuire, resolute,
keen, and believing.....
The first hymn in that book
("Doxology") is mine also, - the
words, very beautiful, by
Hubert Simpson. If love
to Mr. Speer also!
J.

Jan. 29, 1940

(Strong) John H.

SANTA BARBARA COTTAGE HOSPITAL

WEST PUEBLO AND BATH STREETS
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, March 30, 1941

Dear Robert:

One week ago tonight our beloved William passed from great suffering to the heavenly home. For over a year he had been ill, he had five months in California, mostly his wife here with him. A kind Providence brought Leda and me to him for his last three weeks on earth to comfort them both and to assist in all that was needed at the end; and for this we shall always be supremely thankful.

The last three months of William's life were radiant. An extraordinary experience was granted him, - a "revelation," he called it, manifesting Christ, banishing fear, bestowing a joy surpassing, he said, all he had known in his life before put together, and making possible a patience

in suffering and thankfulness of others
at which we could only wonder. In
addition to his smother, has been lifted
to a peace, responsiveness and purpose
to carry on in the Christian life has
not only puts us at ease regarding
her but gives us strong hope of the
wide influence of her future. All
together, Lida and I feel we have
been dwelling in the realm of
miracle and the near presence of
the Lord.

To Elliott, your noble son,
and William are now together, -
both taken in the prime of manhood
for some purpose outweighing anything
attainable in this present world, and
we are bound to you and Emma

SANTA BARBARA COTTAGE HOSPITAL

WEST PUEBLO AND BATH STREETS
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

by new ties added to the dear ones
of the past.

We have brought Dorothy with us
for rest and help in this beautiful
place of known medical skill where
Ledi and I have been at intervals
three times before. Helen Coleman was
here a few weeks ago, I hope with
benefit. In two weeks Dorothy desires
to go with a friend, and Ledi and I
may remain a while longer.

With best love of us both to you
both, dear Robert, I am
As ever yours,
John H. S.



Jenny Lake, Wyo. Aug. 27, 1941.

My dear Robert: I want
you to see the mountains in our

THE TETON RANGE FROM THE GROS VENTRE COUNTRY

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front yard. I am here still for a
few days with Elizabeth and her
children. Memories of Ardena and
my visit in your home with you
and Emma and Constance and the
children are vivid and delightful.
My greetings to you all.

Affectionately

John H. S.

Strong, John H.



Dr. Robert E. Speck
Lakeville
Connecticut

Strong, John H.

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EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, N. Y.

Mar. 10/42

Dear Robert and Emma:

The First Baptist, my home church, unites with the Brick Presbyterian in Rochester, asking me to lead a Week of Prayer with my course on "Light from the Example of Jesus", etc. May I write you a word about it?

You may both know that after my Father's administration ceased the Seminary where he presided for over forty years and where I taught under him veered away from conservative standards. Once, invited back from my Baltimore pastorate to speak at Commencement time, and having been grappling with difficulties, I took as a startling topic, "The Reality of a personal Adversary", and found no one standing with me: in the discussion all spoke against it. Later, a friend who had been allowed to see certain statements which Father had privately written regarding the drift of the Seminary, without permission published them in a book, and from then on the rift was complete, I being considered privy to the same.

The old First Baptist is not the stalwart body it once was but it is my boyhood

church. One grandfather was pastor of it, another a lifelong deacon, and Father was once its pastor. Though the atmosphere is sensitive in Rochester, I am glad to give my testimony there, for I think there is packed away into this course of mine the best the good Lord has succeeded in getting into my dull head and hard heart. I have three days with the Brick, beginning Sunday, and then three with the home church, and I shall feel restful as I go if I know that you know about it.

With love to you both,

Yours ever,

John M. S.

LIGHT ON THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER FROM THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

JOHN H. STRONG, D.D.

- Sun. P. M. Prayer and Life's Purpose —
the Prayer at the Baptism.
Lk. 3:21; Jn. 17:19; Ps. 40:7, 8.
- Mon. P. M. Prayer and Life's Demands —
the Prayer before the Choosing
of the Twelve. Lk. 6:12, 13.
- Tues. P. M. Prayer and the Needs of Others
— the Prayer for Peter.
Lk. 22:31, 32; Jn. 17:9-24.
- Wed. P. M. Prayer and Life's Benefits —
the Prayer after the Return of
the Seventy. Lk. 10:21-24.
- Thurs. P. M. Prayer and the Divine Will —
the Prayer in the Garden.
Lk. 22:41-46.
- Fri. P. M. Prayer and Life's Supreme Joy —
the Prayer of Communion.
Jn. 16:32; Ps. 16:11.

~~All Services Start at 7:00 P. M. at the
First Baptist Church~~

JOHN H. STRONG

8 LARCHMONT AVE.

LARCHMONT, N. Y.

Dear Robert and Emma:

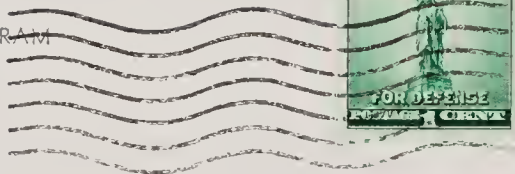
Thankful beyond words for help and blessing bestowed in Rochester and Washington in response to the prayers of friends. "What shall I render unto the Lord...?" say I, like the Psalmist. I will "take the ~~cup~~ of salvation", once filled with bitterness and death but now with thanksgiving and praise, and "call on the name of" the Inspirer of intercession and the Giver of friends.

April 12/42.

John
John H. S.

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speig
Lakeville, Conn.

(Strong) John H.

EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, N. Y.

July 2, 1943

Dear Robert:

I wrote Dr. Fuess a few lines about P.A.E. and what it had meant to me, as bearing on the present discussion about secret societies at Andover, and got a polite answer, and am glad to learn from this morning's mail that they are not to be blotted out after all.

In gathering together a mass of things fit for destruction (old notes, addresses, sermons, all precious in a time of fuel shortage but for no other reason), I came upon the enclosed, of dear memory, of us and the boys at Nathan's. You are handsome in that Princeton sweater, and I look like a Bowery tough. Is this the same world? How far that seems away! Yet all the good abides and can never be taken from us.

I hope you and Emma and Constance and her brood stay well. Lide and I plan going to Canada on the 12th, perhaps to Banff. Best greetings to you all!

Affectionately, ever,

John H. S.

*Mark share this with
you, Robert. Please
dear J.H.S.*

JOHN CROSBY
1010 MIDLAND BANK BUILDING
MINNEAPOLIS

June 17, 1943

Mr. John H. Strong
8 Larchmont Avenue
Larchmont, New York

Dear Jack:

I can't refrain from answering your cordial note of the 15th.

It is a continuing satisfaction to me to have in the background of my pleasant memories my friendship with you and Robby Spear, because I always think of you two together.

As a mountain climber yourself you may have met or known of another mountain climber, Henry Kingman of this city. He is too old for the services, in fact he served in the French army in the last war, and is well pleased that the Canadian government should have requested his services for a month in the Canadian Rockies this summer to help train some of their army people in mountain climbing and skiing.

Perhaps they will draft you for a similar service and you will be similarly pleased.

As to our own summer plans, I think that we are stay-at-homes this year.

Trusting that things are going well with you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Crosby

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Action of the 1940 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

That this Assembly, as it faces the imperative needs of our colleges and seminaries, designate its meeting in 1941 as the Christian Education Assembly.

That the Assembly set apart the church years 1941-1942 and 1942-1943 as a period in which Christian Education, by a joint campaign of publicity, should be laid upon the heart and conscience of the Church; the first part of this period to be devoted to publicity and the second part to active effort to build up adequate financial resources for our institutions. It is understood that this recommendation does not affect or interfere with the regular financial programs of the various institutions.

That the General Assembly direct the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief to appoint a Committee to plan, direct, and execute this general program. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to present definite plans to the several synods for their endorsement and cooperation at the fall meetings in 1940. That the size and personnel of this Committee be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

That the Committee to be named by the Executive Committee of Christian Educa-

tion and Ministerial Relief be instructed to work in closest cooperation with the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and that the synods (or supporting and controlling presbyteries) be advised that in the conduct of the campaign for schools and colleges they shall give full consideration to the specific seasons already set for other causes of the Church.

That the Assembly urge every synod (or supporting and controlling presbytery) to approve at its meeting in the fall of 1940 a plan for united action on behalf of Christian Education—*Minutes of General Assembly, page 62.*

That Synods and Presbyteries having the ownership of educational institutions be requested to make a most careful study of their educational work, responsibilities, and financial resources before any campaign for money is put into operation. This study should include a careful survey of the location of the institutions, of the present trends in education and of the supreme importance of getting the Christian element into all education, and that the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief together with the special committee they are asked to appoint coordinate the results of this study for the entire church.—*Minutes of General Assembly, page 57.*

Christian Education Movement

410 Urban Building
Louisville, Ky.

Sweets, Henry H.

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410 URBAN BUILDING, LOUISVILLE, KY.

March 28, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We have before us in our Church a big problem about the support of our colleges and theological seminaries.

I am enclosing copy of the Action of the 1940 General Assembly. This has authorized three important steps to be taken in securing the proper support for these institutions.

1. We are to make a thorough going survey of the Educational Work and Responsibility of our Church. We have asked Dr. George A. Works of the Department of Education of the University of Chicago to head up this work. I am sending to you under separate cover a copy of the Survey made in 1928 of our Colleges by Dr. B. Warren Brown, and of our Theological Seminaries by Dr. W. O. Thompson. We want to continue this study and more clearly outline our work for the future. The results of these studies are seen in sixteen major changes that were made in the educational work of our Church.

2. We want to educate our people on the fundamental importance of Christian Education. In order to do this we want to have someone visit these institutions and look into the Christian character of the work being done there. All of us feel that you are the man to render this service. We do earnestly hope that you can accept this call. We will, of course, provide all your expenses of travel and give you a fair honorarium.

3. In 1942-43 we have planned to put before our Church the matter of more adequate support of our colleges and theological seminaries.

Dr. Works has promised to write to you about this, and I have been asked to add another word, urging you to accept this call to render large service to our Church.

I am happy to tell you that our Ministers' Annuity Fund is just completing a most successful year. As you doubtless remember, we opened it on April 1, 1940. To date about 95% of the eligible ministers of our Church have entered the Fund. It has already done great things for our Church. We will never forget the help you gave us in Richmond and Fort Worth, and in the quotations we found in your fine address which were distributed throughout the Church.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Henry H. Sweets

SG

Sweets, Henry H.

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February 6, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Right now we are in the midst of a Presbyterian Educational Movement in our Church. Its purpose is to show our people the need of the Christian element in education and to help strengthen our colleges and our seminaries.

I am writing to ask if you could not let us have a brief article for the Church papers that would help to do this big thing. You have already rendered wonderful help to us which is appreciated to the fullest extent. I do hope you can let us have something right now.

We have been printing a series of articles in the CHRISTIAN OBSERVER under the title "The Christian College - Its importance in American Education." Something along that line would be most acceptable and I know thoroughly helpful.

I am now preparing a Source Book on Christian Education. I have found three quotations from you that I am exceedingly anxious to use. I am enclosing copy of these. I am sending this by Air Mail, Special Delivery, and enclosing air mail stamp for reply.

There is no man whose word has more influence in the Presbyterian Church in the United States than that of Dr. Robert E. Speer.

With kindest regards, I am

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweets

SG

Have just had a delightful little visit in the home of Mr & Mrs. Scott Parrish in Richmond - we talked often of you and Mr. Speer.

111.

Men for the Times

“God give us men; a time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, Sun-crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty and in private thinking.”

Josiah Gilbert Holland

112.

Evangelism and Education Inseparably Joined Together

Evangelism—making Christ in His redeeming and renewing work effectively known to men—is the extensive work of the Church. Education—developing the “perfect” or well-rounded personality, is the intensive work of the Kingdom.

These two duties are clearly set forth in God’s Word. The great Teacher sent from God who said, “Go preach,” said also “Go teach.” One of the chief qualifications of the divinely appointed leader is “apt to teach.” Luke in his gospel tells of “all that Jesus began both to do and to teach.” Of the early disciples it is said, “They ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ.” The great promise of God through the Prophet Daniel is, “They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”

Evangelism without education leads to superstition and fanaticism. Education without the warmth of spiritual appeal passes into cold formalism and skepticism. The two are united in the thought of God. They must be kept together in the work of men. To neglect either is to limit the usefulness and imperil the life of the Church. “What God hath joined together let not man put asunder.”

113.

“Education is absolutely indispensable as an evangelistic agency. In many regards there is no more effective form



of evangelistic work than that which education affords. In the first place, it gives access to classes otherwise almost inaccessible, to social groups and bodies of religious opinion otherwise closed to us. How otherwise, except by medical work, would we have been able to touch the Mohammedan world? How otherwise would we be reaching certain great social strata in India? It operates in those areas with continuous power. Evangelistic work at the best operates now and then . . .

“Education is essential to evangelism also, because it raises up our leaders. It raises up leaders for the Church, in the State, and in industry. It is interesting to see how, whatever the theory a mission starts out with may be, it is driven inevitably by the pressure of the facts and conditions to this view, either to do education itself or else to struggle against any neighboring missions that have a larger policy which will do the education for it. We cannot look anywhere in the world today and find a fruitful mission that started out as a so-called purely evangelistic mission that was not driven either itself to incorporate educational aims into its policy or else to relate itself to other missions which, by specialization of function or more comprehensive program, would be able to do what it had been unprepared itself to do.”—*Robert E. Speer, The Gospel and the New World.*

114.

“The word ‘revival’ may not accurately describe what we want, but what we want is clear enough to our own minds. We want an awakening of men to the deepest and highest, to the eternal things in their own lives, to God. And if ‘revival’ means ‘an extraordinary awakening of interest in and care for matters relating to personal religion,’ then a ‘revival’ is precisely what we want all over the land. No unreality, no sham excitement, no turbid emotionalism, no ranting, no invertebrate spasm—we do not want these; but we do want a quickening of men’s sense of the unseen and abiding, a sharper hatred of evil in itself and evil in man’s wills and lives, an upheaval of the deeps that will bring the real life of men to the top, and destroy the shallow, ungenue imitations of life which bar Christ out of life and life out of Christ. We want life brought to its real



significance and purpose in Christ. And we need all the shaking of traditions and of silly self-constraints, and all the blasting of sin, and all the uprising of right feeling, which are necessary to the real conversion of men.”—*Robert E. Speer.*

115.

The late Professor Shailer Matthews, before the Conference of Religious Workers in State Universities, Madison, 1910, said, “I wish that we could have a great religious revival in every educational institution. The demand for it was never greater—a great splendid appeal to the religious imagination that shall make students feel that religion is something more than mere conventionalities of worship.” The need continues to this day.

116.

“. . . No greater thing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion—a revival that would sweep through the homes of the nation and stir the hearts of men and women of all faiths to a reassertion of their belief in God and their dedication to His will for themselves and for their world. I doubt if there is any problem—social, political or economic—that would not melt away before the fire of such a spiritual awakening.”—*President Franklin D. Roosevelt.*

117.

Vice President Henry A. Wallace (formerly Secretary of Agriculture) deals searchingly with the ethical aspects and spiritual significance of the task of government. With fervor and zeal he declares “enduring social transformation is impossible of realization without changed human hearts.” He declares that in this field neither science nor economics can function with satisfaction, and adds “it is time to hold aloft a compelling ideal.” The religious leaders “are dealing with forces even more powerful than those dealt with by the scientists or the economists. When they have a fiery, yet clear understanding of this, they will, by working on the human heart, so balance the message of the economist and the scientist that we will yet be saved from ruin.”

Sweets, Henry H.

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September 25, 1942

Dr. Robt. E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It seems a long time since I saw you and I have missed greatly the inspiration of your personality and your addresses.

For use during the Christmas Season this year we are preparing a program on "What Christmas Means to Me." We are so eager to remind our people what is the true meaning of Christmas, and answer the questions "In What way has the world today lost this deeper meaning?" - "How can it be recovered?" - "What can we do to recover it ourselves?"

I know you are a mighty busy man but I wonder if you could not send me just a brief paragraph giving your answer to this question, "What Christmas Means to Me."

The people throughout our entire Church love you and a word from you would mean more than from any other living man.

I am enclosing stamp for reply. I am sure you have made some expression along this line and I hope you can comply with this request.

We are certainly going to sadly miss Mrs. Scott Parrish in our Church. She was an unusual woman. She was certainly devoted to both you and Mrs. Speer.

With kindest regards, I am

Your sincere friend,

Henry H. Sweets

Tait, Edith

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Montreat, North Carolina
September 4, 1942.

My dear Dr. Spurr —

Enclosed are four proofs of
the photographs we took the night you were
here.

I couldn't decide which one was the
best, so won't make the finished prints
until I hear from you. Please let me
know which ones you would like.

I wonder if you have had time
to write a motto or quotation for my
studio wall. Anything you wish would
be fine. Could it be something on the

order of a House Blessing of about twelve
or fifteen words?

I know you are very busy, and
if you haven't time to bother with it
now, I will understand perfectly.

We are looking forward to seeing you
next summer, and hearing you preach.

With best wishes

Sincerely,
E. M. Tait

Tallman, Clare E.

JLB

First Presbyterian Church



CLARE E. TALLMAN, Pastor
Resident Phone 401

BROADWAY AT SECOND

Monte Vista, Colorado

*Send
Clare Tallman*

January 18, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer,

I am writing to you for two reasons. The first is to express a word of appreciation for the splendid contribution which you made to me personally at our Faith and Life Seminar in Colorado Springs early last December. Those two days there together have been a constant source of inspiration and help to me. Since I returned home I have been trying to do a thing that came to us from your experience, and that is to brood over the Word of God as I have never done before. It's doing something for me that nothing else in the world can do.

The other thing I have in mind is this. I am considering very seriously of sending in my application as a chaplain. I am only 32 and single. I have no financial obligations and no one depending upon me for support. My Church is willing for me to take a leave of absence, and we have a plan worked out for combined services with the Methodist Church for the duration. So there is really nothing standing in the way of my going except that I am not just sure what answer I could give to some of the questions that might be presented to me as a chaplain. Here is where you can be of help to me.

The other day I was reading the 12th chapter of Romans, and as I came to the words in the 17th thru the 21st verses I wondered what in the world sort of an answer could be given to those verses. Supposing a young chap should come and say to me, how do you reconcile this thing I'm learning to do, to kill and destroy, with these words of Paul? Supposing he should ask whether or not he is right in killing in light of Christ's teaching to love one's enemies. What answer can a fellow give?

That is the stickler so far as the chaplain's job is concerned. I could live and mingle with the fellows in a way that I'm sure would be helpful. I'm not so sure that I could pray for God's blessing on them as they go out to kill. Maybe it is necessary to do so.

And yet on the other hand I also realize that in the armed forces the Church has one of the greatest evangelistic opportunities it has ever had. I also realize that Christ did not shy away from

the reality of life. He was right in where it was hard and dirty
proclaiming His way of love and service and dependence upon God.
Somehow if I can just get my thinking straightened out on this one
problem I shall send my application in.

I would appreciate a word from you, for I'm sure you can be
of help.

With kindest regards to you and thanking you again for making
our Seminar a high spot in my life I remain

Most cordially yours,

Clare E. Tallman

Taylor, F. Howard

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WIMBORNE

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England.

July 29, 1940.

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer,

With the keenest interest we have just received the notice of Billy's marriage twenty days ago! From our hearts we wish them much happiness and every blessing.

I should like William to know that we remember him across the long interval of years with warm affection. How I wish we could send him a wedding present; but owing to war conditions and regulations that is not practicable.

Could you spare time to tell us, however briefly, about the dear bride and her family, and about William's present interests? I need hardly say that news about yourselves, and Miss Margaret and ~~Miss Barbara~~ would be very welcome.

Mrs Barbour

Of ourselves there is not much to tell. Geraldine is writing another book, the biography of J.O.Fraser, one of the most lovable and most devoted pioneers we have ever had in the C.I.M. - "the apostle of the Lisu" tribe in S.W.China. I am in poor health - an old tropical trouble, with insomnia, has prevented my sharing in the privilege of preparing this record. We should be grateful for an occasional place in your prayers.

With love from us both and many happy memories,

Yours heartily in our Lord,

F. Howard Taylor.

Taylor, Moe Ross

MRS

Fourth Presbyterian Church
Chicago

CHURCH OFFICE
126 E. CHESTNUT STREET
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May 12, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

This letter comes to ask a favor of you. So many requests have been made for a copy of at least one of your sermons, and we would like to publish one in the next issue of our little monthly paper.

Knowing somewhat of the many demands made upon your time and also knowing that a number of people took notes on your sermons, I endeavored to find a copy which was taken in shorthand. I now have a very incomplete and inaccurate copy of your sermon, "Christ Is the Head." I am enclosing that copy in this letter thinking that if perhaps you choose to use this sermon for publication, it may lighten in a small way the task of putting it in black and white. If you do not have time for this task, please feel free to let us know and we shall be keenly disappointed, yet grateful for what our ears and hearts have heard, but which our clumsy heads and hands cannot reproduce.

Mere words can never express to you what your days here at Fourth Church meant to us. We shall cherish them as days in which we came to know a little more fully about our Lord and his Kingdom. Your visit was an exceedingly rich blessing.

Sincerely yours,

Mae Ross Taylor
MAE ROSS TAYLOR

MRT/elf

Scripture: Colossians 1:9-29

Text: I Corinthians 11:3

A friend of mine during a year of graduate study at the University of Edinburgh, on sabbatical leave, was moving about the University one day when he saw a placard announcing a lecture that evening by Lord Balfour, then Mr. Balfour, on the subject of "Great Moralists of the Eighteenth Century." He did not intend to miss such an opportunity to hear one of the great philosophers of the day lecture on the great moral issues of the world.

So setting opposite across the hall a Japanese graduate student, the chairman came in with the speaker and the lecture began. (Statement): Edison, Johnson, Swift, great moralists of the Eighteenth Century and their approach to life. The lecture ended with a great burst of applause, then a moment of silence and in that moment of silence the Japanese student arose and said, "But, Mr. Balfour, what about Jesus Christ?"

Removed from simple Christian principle to which he sets no limit -- the head of every man is Christ.

We know the solution to all our problems today. Some religious words, but the great problems of our day must be dealt on a realistic, practical ground. I believe just as firmly as anyone can in our application in

in every sense we have got to these great political entanglements of our day.

There is no way to deal except international organization of the world.

I believe that

in a clear policy of large minded and comprehensive the
interest of all mankind. I believe that if mankind, therefore, has his part to play
in becoming of world.

"Above all nations is humanity". When you have said that you haven't touched the care.
There is a heart need. One needs to go behind economic . Go back to the words

Only with this recognition are we going to be able to deal with the problems that confront us in this world.

Recognize problems wherever there has arisen in our national life any true guide we have found the secret of the veracity of his guiding-ship in his own recognition of some such central principle over and above human life -- under human life.

Reading life of Motley with regard to Death of Lincoln. "Death is calm and is seen and heard of daily, but not in the same form as it came to your great President.

I have seen in all his public speeches, papers, etc. something different and something higher than anything that has ever proceeded. It is different, something that has made him a member to all people. His noble character

That was the secret of it all. Where will we find today the leaders unless we can find them among our Chinese friends who will think in Paul's terms of the solutions to be reached in any arrangement of economic interests.

Is there a center, is there a heart. The head of every man is Jesus Christ.

Three applications in our every day life:

1. Is the head of humanity. Jesus Christ is not only humanity, but head of nature. All things were made and without him was not anything made. By him all things hold together. The whole secret of this world we live in is Jesus Christ. It coheres in him.

Bowman's book, "The Sacramental Universe", sets forth his views in this book. Two great systems -- physical and spiritual and physical system has become deranged and can never be corrected without spiritual system. In my view the doctrine of the incarnation of God in the man of God is the only solution to the problems. Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Heaven appears in gospels. Why did Paul drop this phraseology of "Kingdom". Cannot be able to use it in Japan. Cannot sing the Son of Man Goes Forth to War, etc. Maybe Paul met same difficulty. Substituted for it the metaphor of the body. If one inescapable factor in this world, it is this unity of mankind. No getting away from it. One

tragedy during the last generation is that we had at the head of the body determining our policy in the world a senator . He didn't believe in the unity of mankind. Not long ago before his death, Grenfel made an appeal. Why were they starving. Because of the Italian expedition in Ethiopia. The Labrador fishermen lived on the export of their fish. The only way humanity then can be realized is St. Paul's way -- Every body is unified in its head. The only way in which this humanity of mankind is to be translated from a to a great glory and establishment of Christ's rule is the recognition of Christ as head. Anybody who has been associated with a foreign missionary can well rejoice because slowly beginning to discover the secret. The faith of the world is one - one God, one faith, one name, one Lord, one blood, one baptism. The law of life is

For a generation, for three generations, the foreign missionary enterprise of great living reception going to be able to find our way in the dark. The head of every man is Christ.

2. Head of this nation. Look back on our tradition.

Founded on name of Jesus Christ. All that is best, that hold integrity of our nation springs from recognized or unrecognized authority of Christ. Many years ago report written by missionaries center contracts with aliens before admission to our land. Is America first (church) called based (best) from Great Britain?

in favor of church. No law could lay against interest of church. In Jesus surrender to small minorities of our traditional character. Just as soon as we lose that we are doomed. Just so surely we lose rights, it is our doom. Webster: "If we or our posterity depart from authority of Bible, no man can tell what catastrophe will come." Jesus Christ is the head of humanity and U.S.A. Really? him as our head we are going to walk in darkness and in vain.

3. In our personal life Jesus Christ is the head of every man. Paul doesn't say he ought or might be. He just says is. Higher than Calvinism. Every man belongs to Jesus Christ. A man can deny himself the glorious privilege by claiming his life is his own when it isn't, but he belongs to Jesus and Jesus is his head. Great need is just to have a head such as that.

We cannot see half an hour ahead. While all the while there is our head waiting to take control of us, waiting to be guided. St. Paul is talking about mind of Christ. The mind is the head. St. Paul's ideal is that we have this head. Let this mind be in you that is in Christ. The head of every man is Christ. Let that mind be in you, etc. (Negro talked on that text six thousand times. The head of every man is Christ. Our great need one by one here this evening is the need of a head. A guide, counsellor. One who will just take possession in our ineffectiveness, put order, unity, purpose into our lives and set us at last in the glorious unity of God's will for us. Seems

of last evening Dr. Kelton extraordinary interesting experience in coming to America. Think of the dominant impression made upon you would be in American only this extraordinary impression was one way to America rather than experience here. President McKinley his death. Rich treasure of friendship behind darkness. "We need an Emperor. We will therefore work this way ourselves"? We have got to have an emperor.

Yes, his name is Jesus Christ. Of course, three times - New Testament - Master - (Emperor in Greek) Righteous authority. Our only Lord and Master and Jesus Peter. Yes, that is the need today, Paul saw it. The head of every man is Jesus Christ. One prays to God when peace conference assembles it may realize that for humanity. One prays and prays for faith that he may pray that in Washington Jesus may be recognized as head of each one of us. Jesus Christ is recognized as the Lord and Emperor.

O, Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that Thou art head over all good
and though at times it may seem we are plunged into
and children of loneliness that nevertheless over us
all there is the will of God and in the of all the
chaos let Thy clear voice is sounding, the voice of one who long ago was able to
say I know the way. I know the way. I am the way. Lead our foolish weary
footsteps into that way and bring us and our poor disordered live under thy
loving . O, Jesus Christ, our head. Head of heart.
In thine own dear name.

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January 10, 1941

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Speer:

In view of the inroads of Nazi propaganda and economic infiltration in South America, it is vital for us to leave no stone unturned to strengthen anti-Nazi and pro-democratic sentiment among our Latin American neighbors. Our Government is taking various steps along these lines, but there is a great deal which should be done in the field of propaganda which a democratic government cannot undertake itself. Charles A. Thomson, Chief of the Division of Cultural Relations of the State Department, recently wrote us: "There is no question that well-planned efforts on the part of responsible private organizations can make a significant contribution to this end."

It was therefore decided to form a Committee For Inter-American Cooperation to sponsor an Inter-American Cooperation Week to be held some time next February. The Week will be featured by a number of meetings, radio programs, and press reports dealing with the theme of closer cultural, economic and political ties between the United States and Latin America.

The Committee is to be sponsored by a number of outstanding national organizations interested in strengthening Pan-American relations. At the same time we are preparing a list of individual sponsors and we should like to take this opportunity of inviting you to lend your name to this most worthy cause.

Looking forward to an early reply, I remain

Sincerely yours,



DR. JOSEPH TENENBAUM

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Thomas, George H.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1940.

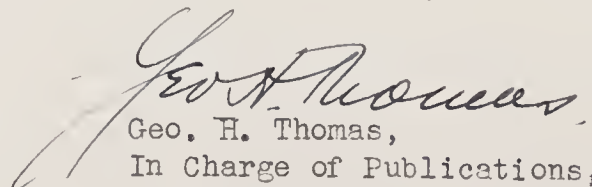
Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Speer:

We are in receipt of your communication of September 7 and regret that our supply of the Abstract of the Fifteenth Census of the United States (1930) is so limited we are unable to send you a copy. One may be obtained by purchase, however, direct from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. for \$1.50.

We regret that we cannot say definitely at this time whether or not you will be furnished a copy of the Abstract of the Sixteenth Decennial Census, as we do not know how wide a distribution we will be able to make of this volume. However, you have been listed to receive a copy if the supply allotted the Bureau for free distribution will permit. In any event, you will be notified concerning the status of this volume at such time as we have definite information on the matter.

Very truly yours,


Geo. H. Thomas,
In Charge of Publications,
Printing and Publications Division.

RR.

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Census Bureau are
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Acts of Congress make it unlawful for the Bureau to disclose any facts, including names or identity, from your Census reports. Only sworn Census employees will see your statements. Data collected will be used solely for preparing statistical information concerning the Nation's population, resources, and business activities. Your Census Reports Cannot be Used for Purposes of Taxation, Regulation or Investigation.

Thomas, Harriet April 9 - 1941

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Dear Dr Speer - ^{card pulled}
In the mail yesterday,
came a request -
to my husband, William
E. Thomas, from you
for a donation to
help the cause, not
to "black out the Bible"
I have carefully ^{inspected}
all but the envelope
so do not know to
whom the check ^{should be sent},
but I am sending a

small check, making it out to
you - My husband died two
years ago this August - as at
that time we had been
married forty one years, you
may know what his going
meant to me - Among my
great treasures, are some
letters Bill wrote me while
at Yale - and I remem-
ber so well his speaking
of a conference at ~~Yale~~
Northfield and of a "Bob"
Speer who meant so much
in his life - I am wondering
if you can be that
"Bob" Speer - if so, I have
looked over a letter written

to me in 1892. I will
quote what he wrote
"I shall always remember
what Bro S. J. said to me
at Northfield, as I lay on
the grass and talked
with him, if ever I saw a
man whom I believed actually
guided in every action by
the Spirit of God, it was he—
and he told me that a man
ought to have just as truly
a "call" to enter the pro-
fession of law as the ministry—
that he should find out—
where he could really do His
work the best & there he
should go," I shall not lose
the impression that his words
made upon me—"

You may not even be
connected with the
Bob Speer my husband knew
but your doing the
same type of work made
me wonder - and I
hope you will not mind
my writing this now
if it has no connection
with you personally -

Sincerely

Harriet-D. Thoms

Mrs W. E. Thoms
60 Ticker Street -
Waterbury
Conn.

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Todd, Albert C., Jr.

135 E. Cambridge St

Greenwood, S.C.

March 4, 1941

Dear Fr. Spier;

I would just like to say how much you meant to me during your services here. You presented things to me in such a way that I had never heard before. I am sure I speak for all the young people of the town in saying that we enjoyed your sermons thoroughly and would like for you to come back. I noticed that all the letters you mentioned were from older people, but let me say from the bottom of my heart that you gave me a new outlook on the Bible and life.

If it is convenient please let me hear from you.

I am

Very Sincerely,

Albert C. Todd Jr.

True, Peggy

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132 Moran Road
Grosse Pointe, Mich.
June 21, 1943.

Dear Mr. Speer,

I was wondering if, in your study of world changes, you had ever run across the Baha'i writings, as there are many things in them that would interest you. Some of our outstanding authors and statesmen are using this material in their work on a better post-war world, and you will see it reflected in their writings and statements.

In case you have not yet heard the story of these writings, it is this: Just before every great world calamity, there has always appeared One who has not only told the people what was to happen, but who has also told them what to do about it. Just such a person was Noah who came before the flood, Moses who came before the collapse of the Egyptian civilization, Christ who came before the fall of Rome, and Baha'u'llah who came before the beginning of the present world upheaval. "Soon", He said, "will the present-day order be rolled up and a new one spread out in its stead." That new world, Baha'u'llah assured the people, would be a world commonwealth, a sort of United States of the World, in which all of the nations, through misery and need, would participate, and through which we would finally achieve a just and lasting peace.

During His lifetime, Baha'u'llah wrote many trunkfuls of books describing the social, economic, national, educational, spiritual, and international phases of that new world-to-be. And already, in over 60 countries of the world today, the Baha'is are putting these teachings into practice, so that when the clouds of this world upheaval have dispersed, one will find already established, the basis for a new civilization.

I am enclosing for your study a copy of "A Pattern for Future Society" which lists those things that Baha'u'llah said are essential for a just and lasting peace and a world commonwealth. As you can see, this is merely an outline, but I will be glad to send you more information or material if you wish.

Sincerely,

True
Peggy True
(Mrs George K. True)

P.S. Had you ever heard of these writings before?

True, Peggy

132 Moran Road
Grosse Pointe, 30, Mich.
July 20, 1943.

Dear Mr. Speer,

At last I have a moment in which to answer your letter of June 23d. Yes, I know Miller's and Wilson's books, and appreciate the motive of the writers. But you will remember that similar persecutions and false accusations were made against Christ after His death, and during His life, and yet that did not detract from the truth of His Words.

The same is true of Baha'u'llah. Because of the power of His Words, there were many who knew that they would lose their hold over the people, their religious institutions, and their fortunes. More worried over their material gains than their spiritual development, they felt it justifiable to persecute Him. This is a matter of recorded history. His life was not ended by a short crucifixion as some of the people wished, for the rulers felt that such an act would cause a revolt against the government. But rather, they imprisoned Him, as you probably know, in the most foul prison of all, Akka, leaving Him there to die. However, from this prison cell came the marvelous Words which we now read.

Just as there is always the Sun, so there is always the Shadow--and I would suggest that for further reading you might study "The Chosen Highway"--in which you will find more of the story of Baha'u'llah's half-brother who tried to win the people over to him, but whose very acts proved cowardly and greedy.

I'm sending you a copy of the World Order Magazine in which you will find an article, "The Baha'i Cause Today" written by one of the Iranian Baha'is. We have known a number of Baha'is from Persia, by the way, and I have found none of the "harmful influences" to which you refer. But rather, compared with some of the Muhammadans we have known from Persia, they are a distinctly better people, I would say.

I shall be glad to hear from you further about this.

Sincerely,

Peggy True
(Mrs. George R. True)

Tucker, Henry St. George

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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281 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

THE RT. REV. HENRY ST. GEORGE TUCKER, D. D.

September 13, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Past Moderator of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Doctor Speer:

I am sure you will agree that in this hour when our fellow-Christians in Great Britain are passing through a terrible ordeal, they ought to be sustained by our prayers. It has occurred to me to issue a call for special prayer on Sunday, September 29th. I enclose herewith a draft of a simple statement for this purpose.

Would you be willing to join me and about a dozen other representatives of the major communions in signing this call?

The time is so short that I would appreciate your telegraphing me collect.

Faithfully yours,

Henry St. George Tucker

Moved by the intense suffering and danger of the British people, to whom we are bound by many deep spiritual ties, we invite our fellow Christians in America to join us in a day of special prayer for them on Sunday, September 29.

We are united to our friends in the British Isles by the heritage of a common ideal of democracy and freedom and a common struggle to achieve it. In this hour when that heritage stands in peril we would identify ourselves in sympathy and fellowship with the British people.

Let us, on Sunday, September 29, unite in prayer to Almighty God that the people of Great Britain may be given grace to bear their suffering with unshaken courage and that they may be sustained by the faith that in the providence of God their suffering may serve moral and spiritual ends.

Let us also remember in prayer all those throughout the world who suffer from the ravages of war.

In the spirit of our Lord's Prayer let us most of all seek that God's will may be done in the present crisis, that peace with righteousness may soon come and that a new order of justice may be established in the world.

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As from: Tucker, Kathleen

21 Bonborough Drive

Toronto, Sept 4th-43

Dear Dr. Spiers.

I have not forgotten your very generous offer of your latest book 'The Life of Mrs. Bowen'. I know I shall enjoy reading it very much and feel that my friend Jack Bowen would be very interested and benefitted by it.

This delay in sending in my address has been caused by a sudden departure to Western Canada where I have been travelling for the Sunday School by Post for the Anglican Church. It has been most interesting work and resulted in gaining over five hundred new students to study

these lessons in their own homes
so remote from town or village.

May I thank you again for those
very inspiring addresses in
Israel's last spring.

Yours in His glorious service

Sincerely,

Kathleen Tucker

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REV. GEORGE H. TRULL
1238 WAVERLY PLACE
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

May 21, 1943.

Dear Dr Speer,

It is a pleasure to learn that you are to speak at the Princeton Institute in July which I hope to attend if possible. If you have not irrevocably chosen your topic for the Bible Hours, will you not deal with eschatology? This topic is so avoided by the average minister and so inadequately handled by certain groups giving functional dogmatic interpretations, that many Christians are profoundly ignorant or erroneously instructed about prophecy. It seems to me it would be most timely and profitable if you would give to us, as the result of your years of Bible study and of your knowledge of history and of present day trends, some suggestions as to how prophecy may be taught today, that its truths may be the hope and comfort of the Church.

Personally, I wish you might present such subjects as The Jews and Israelites in relation to Palestine, present & future;

What has become of the Lost Tribes, and is there adequate ground for the theory that they are the Anglo-Saxons of Great Britain & of the U.S.? If not, can Israelites apart from Jews, in their Dispersion be identified? Do present events and trends indicate the probable early Rapture of the Church, Armageddon and the Return of Christ to establish political rule on the earth?

If you deem it sensible to devote your entire morning Bible Hours to such topics, would you be willing to discuss them in private at some available time with any who might be interested? It is not argument or division, but light vision and inspiration which I hope will result from hearing your views on these matters.

I hope that you and Mrs Spier have had a good winter and that you have reassured work about all the other members of your family. I was delighted to run across Dr. The Age in the Board office a few weeks ago. He looked well and joyous. With kindest remembrances from Mrs Trull and me to you and your dear ones, I am

Cordially yours,

George H. Trull

Tucker, Kathleen

Oct 20th 43

Dear Dr. Speers,

Thank you very much for the memoir of George Bowen which has just arrived. I was amazed to find in his portrait such a resemblance to one of our doctors in Ludhiana. She also was very musical and got down to the level of the people in a way that none of the rest of us, even able to. Her parents were Scandinavian - Danish and Swedish.

There are several returned missionaries from India in Toronto who wish to read this book and when they are through I shall pass it on to the Ludhiana doctor and my friend Jack Bowen.

Thanking you again, I am
Yr. sincerely,
Kathleen Tucker

After.....days, return to

Mrs David P. Turnbull,

3215 College Ave.,

BEAVER FALLS, PA.

3215 Coisy Ave
Beaver Falls, Pa.
Nov. 20, 1941

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, 89
Dear Mr. Speer,

Do you know that your name
is being used for the purpose of
gaining 1000 religious leaders
throughout our countries to work
under an "Inter-Faith Committee
for Aid to Britain", aid in the
form of food and munitions?

In the Christian Union Herald
that we got at church yesterday
there is an editorial by Dr. R. W.
Graves in which he reviews a
book recently published by a
German theologian Dibelius.
In conclusion he says, among
other things "It is horrible to
discover a Christian leader pro-

2' substituting his gifts to forward
the cause of ruthless rapine
and purposeful cruelty" I
agree. But what are munitions
the munitions that this
committee, made up of "160
clergy and layman" would
have us send to Britain?
Are high explosives, shrapnel,
machine-guns, battleships,
submarines, tanks, aeroplanes
thermite, phosgene, arsenic
smokes, Lewisite, bayonets,
Springfield rifles not instru-
ments, all, of "ruthless rapine
and purposeful cruelty" by
whomever used?

Dr. Sheer, I have heard you
speak. I have read your books,

3. I have been helped all my life by your words and example and I can not believe that you would willingly allow your name to be used in any such way. Page 4 of the Jan. 16 issue of the United Presbyterian - published in Pittsburgh - 209 Ninth St. The editor referred to is by Mr. S. E. Irvine one of the corresponding editors His address is 1401 Highland Ave New-castle, Pa.

Yours in Christian love and fellowship.
Ruth Johnson Turnbull

(Mrs David R. Turnbull)

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am sorry to hear that you are not
able to go on your trip, but I will try to
find you a substitute, if I can, but I
am not sure, it is a long time since I
last saw you, and I am not sure if you
are still in the same place, or if you
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missionary work of years has been saved from the invader. All about her the "uninvited guests", as they call the Japanese in these parts, have ruined the economic life of the people, have destroyed the value of their currency, have taken their grain, forbidden them to raise the food stuffs on which they depend, ordering cotton instead, they have imported and distributed drugs, have sold opium and have done with talk all that they can to destroy the health and morals of the people, after bringing them to the very edge of starvation. This Germany is doing in France today, in different ways, but with the same end in view.

Only Britain in China and Greece, this far have tried to resist this tide of horror and evil. If we, here in America in our safety and comfort, were to say to these heroic countries, "I will not help you to fight off these monsters" I feel that we should be in the same position that you or I would be in, if we saw our neighbors' house on fire and would not turn our water supply to try to put it out.

War always has been a horrible thing. The war we waged in our own country to save its unity was one of the most terrible, for it was a civil war, but I can only believe, looking back, and studying history and our leaders, that they were right in thinking that we had to use force to keep the nation together, and to put an end to the evil of human slavery. I believe that the Chinese patriots are right in resisting Japan with force - not even in the world has there been such wickedness let loose as the Japanese showed in the siege, capture, loot and rape of Nanking. This we know from the diaries, authentic in every way, of the men and women whom we know who tried to save as many as possible in that flood of invasion and bestiality.

I enclose a statement by a newspaperman about what one missionary did in trying to save some of the Chinese in her region.

In the British city that we know best, whole streets are uninhabitable, only the fronts of the houses standing. Churches are roofless, windows blown out in whole sections, and if they are lucky enough to have roofs still on, the windows are covered with cardboard, and the family huddled in the one room that can have any sort of heat.

A letter I received yesterday, authentic but I cannot give the signature, for obvious reason, - it is from a Protestant leader in France: "Yes" This is to tell you that most of us wish heartily the success of the English, even if it means suffering from their blockade or bombardment of our cities, of our fleet, or our ports. We find this quite natural if it is indispensable. It is our only human hope that our country will not be crushed. Tell our friends that this is the opinion of honest folk with us. We all stand ever ready that England may triumph and help our country to pull herself out of the terrible situation we are now submitted to.

War, and the use of force, is always a terrible thing, and Christian people, in deciding to use it, have chosen it as the lesser of two evils. The worst evil is the destruction of the human spirit, and this is what Germany and Japan have done their best to do, by the grace of the living God, without success.

Our peace and safety here - the fact that you and I can go on with our lives in the way we are accustomed to, is due to the fight the British have put up, and to the power of God in helping them to resist Hitler. If Britain had gone down after Dunkerque, we would be bombed here in New England now, the experts say. Our daughter

Turnquist, Billy

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Chicago, February 8-1943

Dr. Robert C. Speer, Secretary Emeritus
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
Rockledge, Lakeville,
Connecticut,

my dear Dr. Speer:

I am 15 years old and I go to the
Chicago Sunday Eve Club every Sunday night, I
try to get the autographs of all the different
speakers, and as I am making a book of them
I would like very much if you would put
your autograph on the enclosed card
where I marked

I heard you speak October 12, 1941 on "Does
Religion Narrow People."

Thanking you and hope to hear and see
you soon again.

Sincerely

Billy Turnquist

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